

English 9 Summer Reading Assignment

Step One: Read *Rash* by Pete Hautman. You can purchase a copy at any bookstore OR check your local library for a copy. If you decide to order a book (from Amazon.com or Barnes and Noble, for instance), the ISBN number is: 0689868014

Step Two: Print out and complete the worksheet on the next two pages, following the directions at the top. Bring the completed worksheet to class the first day of class (August 30, 2016).

ABOUT THE BOOK:

Rash is a sometimes funny, sometimes not funny book about a teen growing up in the year 2074, in a futuristic United States, now called the United Safer States of America, a world where personal safety has become society's obsession. French fries are illegal, contact sports have been banned, and obesity is a crime punishable by imprisonment.

Teenager Bo Marsten has grown up in this ultra-safe environment, but he has trouble following the many rules. *Rash* is the story of how his "rash" behavior lands him in a prison camp run by a sadistic former football coach, where he must play an illegal and almost forgotten sport: tackle football.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Pete Hautman grew up in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, attended both the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and the University of Minnesota, and worked as a sign painter and graphic artist before turning to writing. When he is not writing, Pete likes to read, play poker, run, hike and cook. He lives in Minnesota and Wisconsin with mystery writer and poet Mary Logue and their two poodles, Rene and Jacques.

Scroll down for the worksheet. Remember to print it out and complete it by the first day of school!

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Summer Reading: Worksheet on THEMES

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Directions: Find one quote from the novel that applies to each of the different themes. Be sure to write in complete sentences and include the page number(s) where you find each quote. See example for clarification and as a role model to follow.

THEME	PAGE NUMBERS	REFERENCE/QUOTATION/INFORMATION REFERRED TO	WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?
ANGER (EXAMPLE)	75	“My belly began to burn, a little hot spot just above my navel. At that moment I wanted more than anything to drive my fist into his smile, right through his face and into his brain.”	The theme of anger is developed through the character of Bo Marsten, as he struggles with self-control. This quote shows how Bo’s anger often leads to reckless behavior and gets him in trouble.

THEME	PAGE NUMBERS	REFERENCE/QUOTATION/INFORMATION REFERRED TO	WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?
ANGER (a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility)			

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<p>ALIENATION</p> <p>(loneliness, feeling isolated)</p>			
<p>SELF-IDENTITY</p> <p>(the recognition of one's potential and qualities as an individual)</p>			
<p>FRIENDSHIP</p> <p>(a relationship of mutual trust and support)</p>			
<p>TRENDS IN SAFETY</p> <p>(rules or regulations put in place to protect our well-being)</p>			

