

9th Grade

**Summer
Reading**

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CHERRY HILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer Reading Assignment

Grade 9 All Students All Levels	Grade 9 All Honors Students
<i>The Good Thief</i> by Hannah Tinti	<i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte

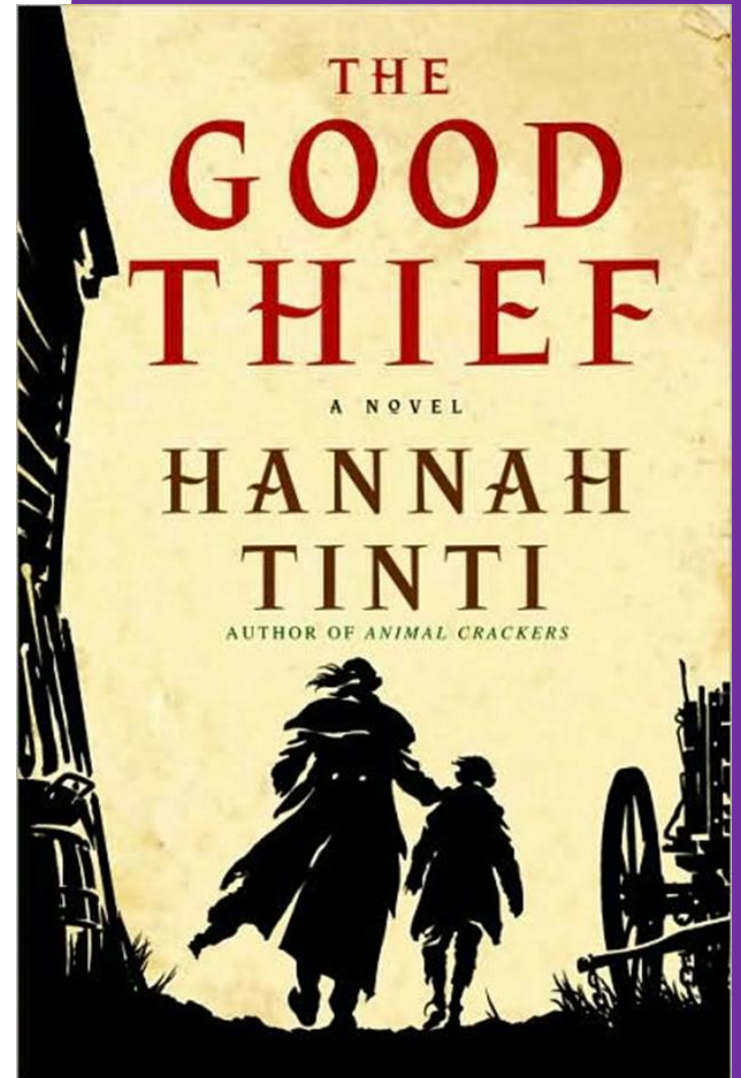
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- Every student is required to read *The Good Thief* by Hannah Tinti.
- Honors students are also to read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte.
- As you read, you will identify and analyze specific episodes, patterns, and quotes to complete the dialectical journal for two given topics.

All Students

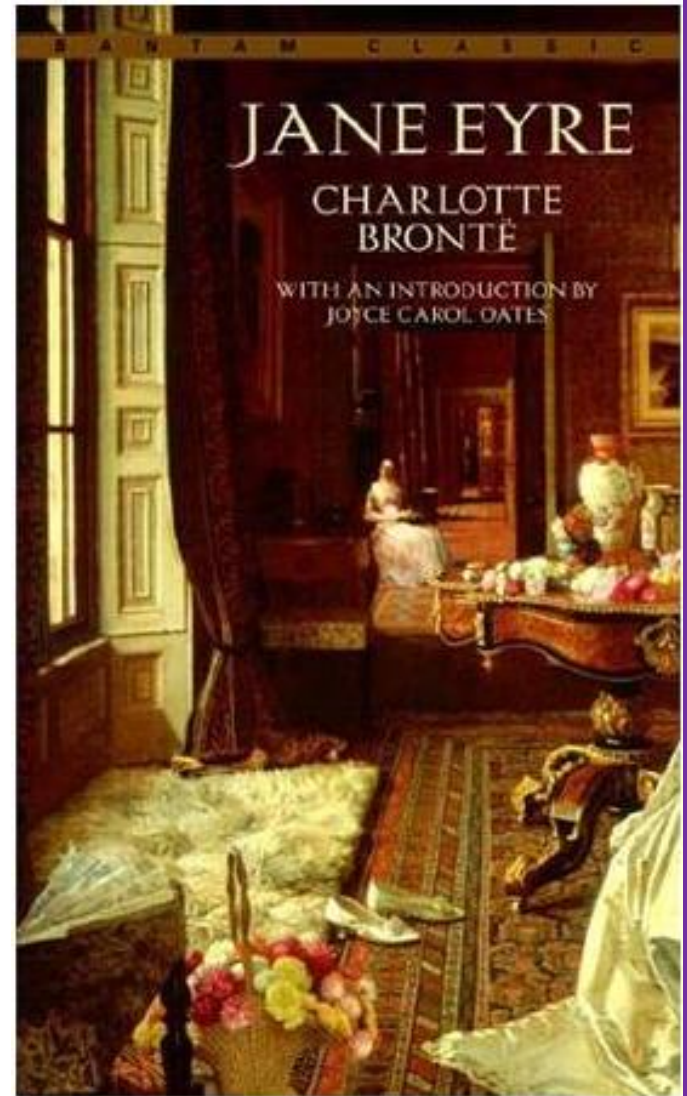
Twelve year-old Ren is missing his left hand. How it was lost is a mystery that Ren has been trying to solve for his entire life, as well as who his parents are, and why he was abandoned as an infant at an orphanage. He longs for a family to call his own and is terrified of the day he will be sent alone into the world.

But then a young man named Benjamin Nab appears, claiming to be Ren's long-lost brother, and his convincing tale of how Ren lost his hand and his parents persuades the monks at the orphanage to release the boy and to give Ren some hope. But is Benjamin really who he says he is? Ren is introduced to a vibrant world of hardscrabble adventure filled with outrageous scam artists, grave robbers, and petty thieves. If he stays, Ren becomes one of them. If he goes, he's lost once again. As Ren begins to find clues to his hidden parentage he comes to suspect that Benjamin not only holds the key to his future, but to his past as well.



Honors Students

Jane Eyre ranks as one of the greatest and most perennially popular works of English fiction. Although the poor but plucky heroine is outwardly of plain appearance, she possesses an indomitable spirit, a sharp wit and great courage. She is forced to battle against the exigencies of a cruel guardian, a harsh employer and a rigid social order. All of which circumscribe her life and position when she becomes governess to the daughter of the mysterious, sardonic and attractive Mr. Rochester. However, there is great kindness and warmth in this epic love story, which is set against the magnificent backdrop of the Yorkshire moors. *Jane Eyre* is the story of one woman's struggle to overcome adversity, and a classic love story.



Topic 1: Character Development

Identify 5 episodes from the text that answer any of the following questions in relation to character development:

1. What does the episode tell you about the personality of the character?
2. What does the episode indicate about any character changes that have taken place over the course of the story?
3. What does the episode indicate about the character's role in the story or position in society?
4. What does the episode show about the character's interactions with other characters.

Chapter / Page #	Summary of the Episode (3-4 sentences)	Relevance/Analysis (3-5 sentences that answers 1 or more of the guiding criteria)	Significant Quotation (supports character development)	Quotation Page Number

Topic 2: Thematic Development

Identify two thematic patterns from the text that answer any of the following statements or questions in relation to thematic development:

1. Identify how multiple central ideas in a text interact, build on, and, in some cases, conflict with one another.
2. Trace in detail the development and refinement of a theme or central idea in a text, including how it emerges and how it is shaped and refined by specific details.
3. What big ideas or concepts does the author introduce into the book?
4. What message(s) might the author want the reader to take away from the reading?

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