

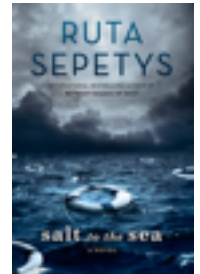


The Academy of International Studies at Independence High School

AIS 2017 Summer Reading Assignment
Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior, and Seniors will read:

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

AIS 2017-2018 Focus Theme: Heathy Decisions



This summer, you are required to read *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. You will have assignments associated with this book for your seminar class, so please have the book read and assignment complete before the start of school. We will work with this information during the first week of school as well.

Summer reading serves as an opportunity for you to continue to develop your critical and creative thinking skills. There are many studies that look in to the phenomenon known as “summer learning loss.” If a student does not continue to cultivate academic skills over the long summer break, he/she is likely to lose up to two years in reading and math abilities. To put this in to context, that means that if one were reading at the 11th grade reading level and the end of the school year, one would be reading at the 9th grade reading level upon return in the fall. Also, since everyone in AIS is going to be reading the same book (Faculty included!) it will also help us to have a sense of community.

Assignment Details

❖ **Read the novel.***

❖ **Part One—Press Release (MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS)**

- Find an article from a credible source about the *Wilhelm Gustloff* disaster
- Print out and annotate (talk to the text) the article
- Create a press release about the disaster. Please include an MLA 8 Formatted citation of your article in a footnote at the end of the press release.

❖ **Part Two—Evaluating Decisions (Choose ONE of the following options to complete)**

Map Journey Option

- Create a timeline, concept map or illustrate a geographical map of the journey that ONE of the four main characters took to the *Wilhelm Gustloff*. You must include:
 - Five decisions the character had to make
 - Explain why you chose those particular decisions
 - Decide if the decisions were healthy or unhealthy. Explain your decisions.

Writing Option

- Write an alternative ending to Salt to the Sea or write a what you think the “next chapter” would entail.
 - Written work must be 3-5 pages (double spaced) *Use MLA 8 citation format*
 - Your writing should include characters making five decisions.
 - At the end of your writing, evaluate these five decisions made by characters in your story.
 - Decide if the decisions were healthy or unhealthy. Explain your decisions.

Story Board Option

- Create a storyboard that depicts five decisions made by characters in the novel.
 - Explain why you chose those particular decisions.
 - Decide if the decisions were healthy or unhealthy. Explain your decisions.

* If you have any questions or have trouble getting the book, please feel free to call or contact Ms. Willett via email

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Formatting Information:
Use MLA Format:

- Type your assignment
- Use 1" margins (6)
- Times New Roman, 12 pt
- Header—Last Name, page # (will need to insert page #, all pages)
- Heading: (on page 1 only)
 5. Assignment Title (centered) (Original title)
 1. First Name Last Name
 2. Teacher's Name
 3. Class (e.g. Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior Seminar)
 4. Date: (DD-MM-YYYY)

Need Help?

If you find that you need help or just want some time to work on the assignment in an uninterrupted space, you can join Ms. Willett and others on the days listed below. This will be a drop in format and you can come in at any time. If these times don't work for you, please contact Ms. Willett to set up an individual appointment

Summer Workshop days:

August 7, 2017—9am to 12 noon in the AIS Building

August 9th —9am to 12 noon OR 1pm to 3pm in the AIS Building

August 10th— 1pm to 3pm in the AIS Building

Sign up via SignUp Genius: <http://bit.ly/2qEVCIt>

For all information and hyperlinks to assistance, please visit the AIS website:
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