Description: Reading rates is the amount of time it takes you to read a certain book. Reading rates vary from person to person, as well as depend on what type of book. The more complex the book, the lower the reading rate may be. If you are quick reader, your reading rate may be higher. There is no “perfect” reading rate, and there is no judgment on what your reading rate is. However, for every new book you begin, you will have to establish a new reading rate.

Directions: *(yup, its math time)*

1. **Read your book for** 10 minutes.
2. Count up how many pages you read, and record here: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
3. Complete the formula below:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(number of pages you read) x 6\* = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*This is the number of pages you can read in one hour (60 minutes).

1. Now times the number by two: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ x 2 = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(That is how many pages you need to read in one week (2 Hours)

Assignment:

You will need to read TWO HOURS outside of class every week. If you space it out that is about twenty minutes a day. You ***need*** to read outside of class—it will greatly improve your writing and reading skills. It will help you see other author’s craft and find ideas to inspire your own writing. You also need to find a book you will enjoy. If it is painful for you to read your book, drop it, or try something else (but establish a new reading rate).

You will be checking in with me weekly and telling me where you are at in your book, both with plot as well as page number. Failure to keep up = your grade will be dramatically affected.

Finally, you will be sharing what you are reading in class several ways:

* Book Talks
* Text Studies
* Craft/Content Study Response Papers *(kind of like a book report)*