

Senior Summer Reading 2018

Greetings, rising Seniors! It is time to gear up for Seattle Prep's Summer Reading Program. We hope that you will be reading lots of books during your summer break! We have selected two books that you are required to complete this summer:

The Boys in the Boat by Daniel James Brown

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

Test and Graded Discussion

During the first week of the new school year, you will take an *objective test* (multiple choice) on *Extremely Loud.....* and participate in a *graded discussion* on *The Boys in the Boat*.

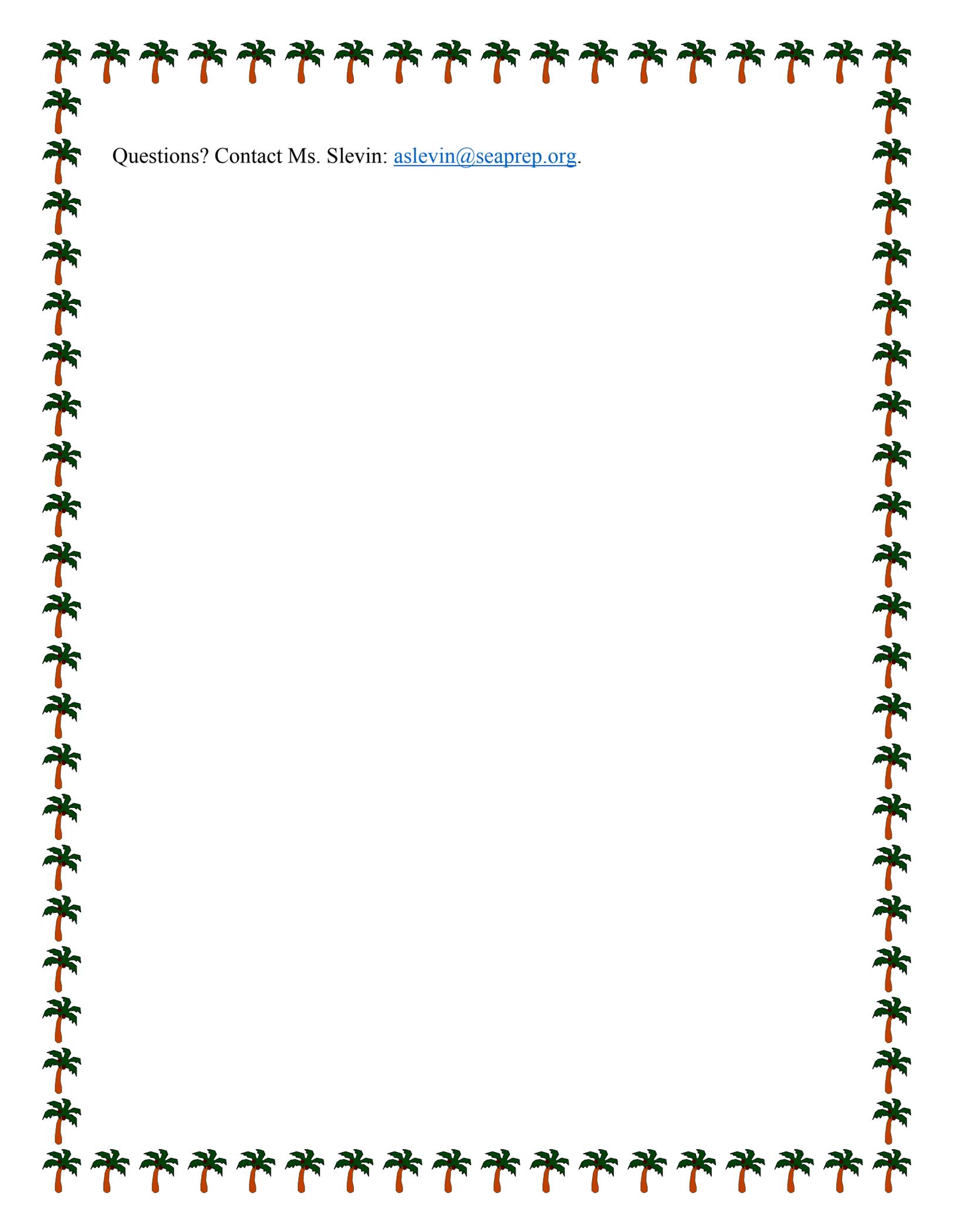
Study Guide and Review Chart

A study guide for the objective test and a review chart for the graded discussion will be on the Summer Reading 2018 link on the school webpage by the start of summer. More information about the objective test and graded discussion will be provided by your teachers when you start school in the fall.

Preview of Summer Books

The Boys in the Boat tells the story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar crew and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal, a team that transformed the sport and grabbed the attention of millions of Americans. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the boys defeated elite rivals first from eastern and British universities and finally the German crew rowing for Adolf Hitler in the Olympic games in Berlin, 1936. The emotional heart of the story lies with one rower, Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not for glory, but to regain his shattered self-regard and to find a place he can call home. The crew is assembled by an enigmatic coach and mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder, but it is their trust in each other that makes them a victorious team. They remind the country of what can be done when everyone quite literally pulls together—a perfect melding of commitment, determination, and optimism. (Goodreads.com)

Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close introduces us to Oskar Schell, a nine-year-old inventor, amateur entomologist, Francophile, letter writer, pacifist, natural historian, percussionist, romantic, Great Explorer, jeweler, detective, vegan, and collector of butterflies. When his father is killed in the September 11th attacks on the World Trade Center, Oskar sets out to solve the mystery of a key he discovers in his father's closet. It is a search which leads him into the lives of strangers, through the city of New York, into history, to the bombings of Dresden and Hiroshima, and on an inward journey which brings him ever closer to some kind of peace.



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