

Coral Springs Charter School  
Reading Assignment for **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Language Arts **Honors** Students

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade language arts honors students are required to read the school-wide summer novel as well as the following novel and assignment. If your student has selected high school honors for language arts in the ninth grade, or could possibly be placed in that level, the following book **will be assessed upon the student's entry into his/her language arts class.**

**Alas, Babylon,** by Pat Frank, which can be purchased at most bookstores.

The following assignment for Alas, Babylon is due upon returning to school in August. Should the student not have language arts until the second block in January, then the assignment will be due the first day of class.

Please select **one** of the study questions below, then write a 2- page, double-spaced essay in response to it. **Use evidence from the novel to support your assertions.**

- 1- What is the role of the female characters in the novel?
- 2- Analyze the political events that the novel portrays leading up to the nuclear exchange. Is it convincingly portrayed?
- 3- Discuss the aftermath of "The Day." How does the novel portray the breakdown of order?
- 4- What are the symbolic roles of the image of darkness and the radioactive jewelry in the story?
- 5- What is the novel's political message?