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What We Have Learnt from Books Selected Sharing from Forms 3, 4 and 5

The Fault in Our Stars

Have you ever worried about having cancer? Or have you ever worried about anything? Most of us never think about facing serious problems in life, but after you read *The Fault in Our Stars*, you might start to think more.

The Fault in Our Stars is written by John Green. The main character, Hazel, is a girl who gets cancer. She joins a support group and meets a boy called Augustus, and the two youngsters quickly form a strong bond. After Augustus reads Hazel's favourite novel, the pair set off on a journey to find the author and ask him about the ending. During the trip, Augustus overcomes many challenges, but at the end of the story Augustus dies. I thought this was very sad because he left Hazel alone.



The main point of the story, however, is that we should treasure our lives. We do not need presents or gifts to fulfil our desires. If we meet difficulties, we shouldn't waste time complaining. Instead, we should find a way to solve the problem. Once you see that there are many people whose lives are harsher than yours, you will realise that you are blessed.

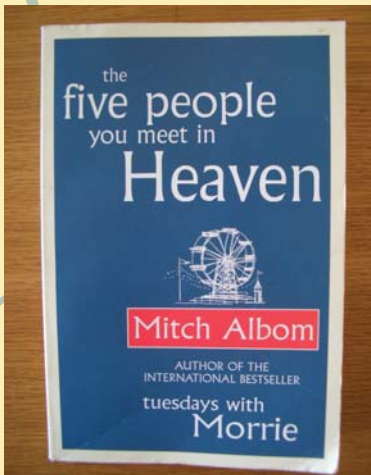
I want to recommend this book to everyone, and especially to those who have lost loved ones because this story will give you new perspective. You will learn that losing someone does not have to bring your own life to a halt. Everyone dies, in time. And when we die, we will see our loved ones again in heaven.

My grandfather left us about three years ago. I felt so sad because I loved him so much and he took really good care of me. He always made me really delicious food. When I heard the news that he had left us, my heart was like falling down from a high mountain. I was so sad that I wanted to die. But then, I found this book and after I read it, my heart was much relieved. I understand that every living creature will die. We should not be too sad about it. I hope that you can enjoy this book and also learn something from it.

Jasmine Yip 3A



The Five People You Meet in Heaven



Have you ever thought about heaven? In our eyes, heaven is really a mysterious place. We often wonder where we will go after death. Many of us would like to know who we will meet in the afterlife. Will we have a reunion in heaven with someone who passed away?

In his novel, *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, Mitch Albom tells the story of Eddie, an unremarkable man who dies at the age of 83. Eddie goes to heaven and meets five people from his past who reveal to him the true value of life, dedication and sacrifice.

Told as five stories, the lessons of this book definitely relate to me. As a teenager, I often suffer low ebb. I sometimes think that my life is devoid of merit. However, this book tells me that everyone has value and everyone is loved.

I really admire the character of Captain. Apart from his obvious bravery, his sense of responsibility really touched me. After reading his story, I asked myself whether I, as a daughter and a sister, would risk my life for my family? Now, I can surely say yes. If I could meet Captain, I would like to give him a big hug and tell him I have become more responsible and brave by reading his life story.

After reading this book, I think I finished a course of life education. Living in this world is a pretty wonderful thing. Live in the moment, fulfill all the opportunities in your life and treat every day as if it were your last! Then you may leave this world without any regrets.

Cheng Wing Hei 4B

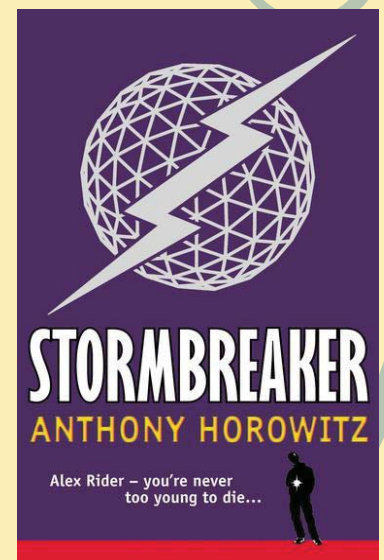
Stormbreaker

Stormbreaker is a story about 14-year-old Alex Rider, who gets involved in a world of spies, intrigue and constant danger as he tries to thwart the murderous machinations of arch villain Darrius Sayle and save the schoolchildren of England.

I love this adventure story very much. I admire Alex Rider because of his courage. He was only 14 years old but already had to bear great responsibility to complete the dangerous mission. He had to be prepared to sacrifice his life at anytime. He also had to endure harsh training such as wearing a 22-pound backpack for a thirty mile hike.

Darrius Sayle is very mean. Since he had been a victim of bullying when he was young, he didn't know how to forgive. His attitude is too negative. Not only not forgiving others, but he also plotted to kill innocent children.

The plot of this book is very exciting. The writer depicts many fight scenes between Alex and his nemesis, Yassen Gregorovich. The ending is very surprising since Alex became Yassen Gregorovich's friend and completed the mission. I highly recommend this book to you and I hope all readers will learn about the positive attitude of Alex Rider.



Yeung Chung Mei 5C

Battle of the Books

This year our school joined the Battle of the Books Competition. This was our first year to take part, and our team was comprised of S.1 and S.2 students. For the competition, we had to read twelve books. Then we went to visit other schools to take part in a quiz to see how much we could remember.

Some of the books were easier than others. Some were really challenging. Actually, none of us could read all twelve books because we were all so busy with our other school work. The books included:

1. The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate
2. Soldier Dog, by Sam Angus
3. Extra Credit, by Andrew Clements
4. Eleven, by Patricia Giff
5. Among the Hidden, by Margaret Haddix
6. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, by W. Kamkwamba
7. Sing Down the Moon, by Scott O'Dell
8. Becoming Naomi Leon, by Pam Ryan
9. The Girl Mechanic of Wanzhou, by Marjorie Sayer
10. Floodland, by Marcus Sedgwick
11. Out of the Dust, by Karen Hesse
12. Charlotte's Web, by E.B. White



The One and Only Ivan was the most popular book. It was loosely based on the life of a real gorilla which lived in an amusement arcade in America. The most difficult book was probably Becoming Naomi Leon, but we all had our own favourites and even the challenging books gave us a good learning opportunity.

Since this was our first time in the competition, we joined a practice match at Law Ting Pong School (LTP) against LTP, Carmel Pak U and Valtorta College. It was really surprising because we managed to come second. We even guessed the last question correctly!



Our semi-final match was held at HK & Kowloon Kaifong Women's Association Sun Fong Chung College, and we competed against that school, Valtorta, Carmel Pak U and CUHKFAA Chan Chun HA Secondary School. We came second, again. But while we missed out on a chance to go to the final, we know we are already winners because we have learned so much. Next year we will go all the way!



Tang Hoi Tung 1C
Liu Chit Yan 2A
Chan Gwyneth K W 2B
Ho Man Chung 2B
Kwan Siu Nam 2B
Mak Ka Ho 2B
Cheung Chung Yan 2C
Leung Yan Yee 2C
Lu Oi Lam Eleanor 2C
Lau Nga Wai 2D
Lau Yan Ching 2D
Liu Wing Tung Ally 2D



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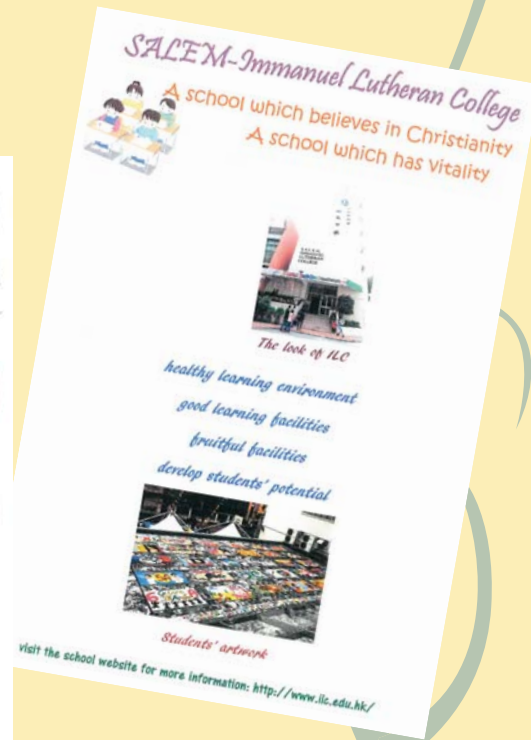
Wisdom,
Truth,
Virtue,
Love to All.



Wong Ka Kit 3C



Yip Millie Tsz -Tung 3B



Ng Cheuk Ying 3C

Form 1 Poems

Father

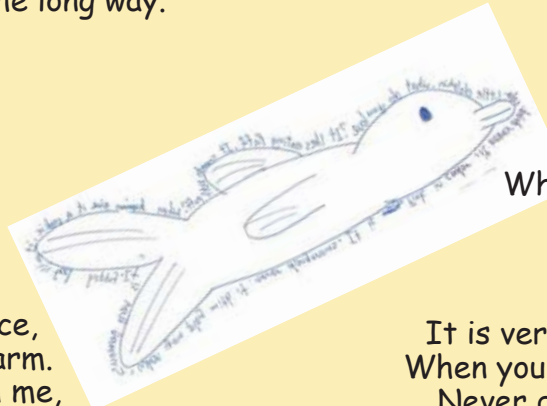
Father,
You are the bright moon,
Lighting up my life.
A beanstalk,
Leading me to go through the long way.

Dolphin

It is pink in colour.
It never drinks cola.
Little dolphin,
What do you love?

Father,
You are an encyclopaedia,
Always solving my problems.
A dictionary,
My good studying partner.

Father,
You are a fireplace,
Making me feel warm.
When you are with me,
I am the happiest girl in the world.



It likes eating, puff!
It sounds, puff, puff!
When humans give it a cookie,
It will feel happy.

It is very generous
When you play with it.
Never dangerous!

Yuen Sin Ying 1B

Cheung Yuet Yin 1D



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