

Mrs. Smith's Summer Reading Incoming Seniors

Deadline by Chris Crutcher

How can a pint-sized, eighteen-year-old make his mark on the world from Nowherville, Idaho—especially when he only has one year left to do it? When Ben Wolf learns his senior year of high school will be his last year, period, he is determined to go out in a blaze of glory. That means not letting anyone know about his diagnosis. It means trying out for the football team. It means giving his close-minded civics teacher a daily migraine. It means going for the amazingly perfect, fascinating Dallas Suzuki. But living with a secret isn't easy. What will Ben do when he realizes he isn't the only person who's keeping one?

ASSIGNMENT:

Characters often face difficulties, hardships, and misfortune. Choose three characters from this book. Write one paragraph per character. In each paragraph:

- *Describe the obstacle the character faced
- *Describe how the character reacted to the difficulty he/she faced
- * Describe how the character did or did not overcome their problem.

Every paragraph must answer EACH of the above. Each paragraph should contain:

- *A topic sentence
- *A MINIMUM of 6 detailed sentences
- * A concluding sentence

Therefore each of the three paragraphs should be a minimum of 8 sentences long. Therefore, you are writing three paragraphs of at least 8 sentences apiece, which totals at least 24 sentences.

You can email them to me over the summer at SSmith@ssvotech.org. I will e-mail you back and provide feedback. Therefore, be prepared to edit your work if it is not acceptable. You should e-mail me one by the end of July and two by the end of August.