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READ THE BLOG AND SOLVE THE ACTIVITIES BELOW

**Hannah's Book Blog
My top summer novels**

Are you going on holiday soon and looking for that perfect summer read? Here are some of my recommendations to keep you occupied this summer.

A *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* by Stephen Chbosky

This coming-of-age novel was published in 1999 and is set in Pittsburg, USA, in the early 90's. The story's narrator is an introverted teenager, Charlie. He describes different life events through letters he sends to a stranger as a form of therapy. The story follows his progression from a shy and socially awkward boy, a wallflower, on his first day of high school, to a social butterfly. Along the way Charlie navigates through the world of first dates, family dramas and new friends. Many teenagers can relate to this rollercoaster ride of growing up.

B *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle

This is a must-read for people who love crime novels. The classic story was first published in 1902. It is set in Devon, in England, and tells the story of a mysterious murder that local people fear was by a terrifying supernatural hound. It features well-known detective Sherlock Holmes and his companion Doctor Watson as they investigate the case. A UK poll named it one of the most loved books of all time.

C *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

Published in 2006, this historical novel has won lots of awards. It's set in Germany in World War II and tells the story of a foster girl, Liesel Meminger, whose parents were taken away to a concentration camp. Liesel steals books and shares them with her foster family and the residents of her street. Both Liesel and her neighbours find themselves being changed by the words in the books and by the terrible events around them. I'm reading this book at the moment – and I'm enjoying it!

1- Read the blog and decide if the sentences are TRUE/ FALSE. Correct the FALSE ONES. 15p

- a) Two of the novels Hannah recommends are set in Europe. _____
- b) *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is the oldest book on Hannah's list. _____
- c) Hannah has already finished reading *The Book Thief*. _____
- d) The main character in *The Hound of the Baskervilles* works on his own. _____
- e) *The Book Thief* is a very successful awarded novel. _____
- f) *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* deals with everyday teenage difficulties. _____
- g) The main character in *The Perks of Being a Wallflower* becomes more mature throughout the story. _____
- h) *The Book Thief* deals with a real historical event. _____

- i) Hannah recommends The Hound of the Baskervilles to people who may like science fiction stories. _____
- j) The Hound of the Baskervilles is not a very popular book. _____

JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS HERE!

2- Read the clues and write A, B or C. 15 p

- a) The main character in this book exchanges letter with a person he/she doesn't know. _____
- b) The setting on place of this novel is the USA. _____
- c) This book tells the story of the hard lives of people in harsh circumstances. _____
- d) The story is set in the UK. _____
- e) Hannah recommends this book for teenagers her age. _____
- f) This novel is about crime and mystery. _____
- g) The main character in this story is an orphan who is away from her/his parents. _____
- h) The main character in this story experiences different life events that helps him/her grow up.

- i) The characters in this novel are inspired and comforted by the books they read. _____
- j) The characters in this novel work together to solve a case. _____