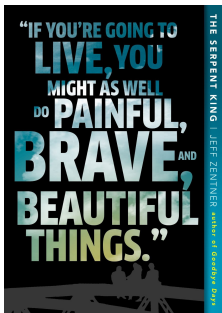




This summer, Heritage High School students will have the opportunity to read *The Serpent King* for extra credit. Jeff Zentner, the author of *The Serpent King*, will speak at Heritage on Friday, September 20th.

To participate in this program, please complete the following steps.

1. Read *The Serpent King* by Jeff Zentner.



Book Summary

Dill has had to wrestle with vipers his whole life—at home, as the only son of a Pentecostal minister who urges him to handle poisonous rattlesnakes, and at school, where he faces down bullies who target him for his father's extreme faith and very public fall from grace.

The only antidote to all this venom is his friendship with fellow outcasts Travis and Lydia.

But as they are starting their senior year, Dill feels the coils of his future tightening around him. The end of high school will lead to new beginnings for Lydia, whose edgy fashion blog is her ticket out of their rural Tennessee town. And Travis is happy wherever he is thanks to his obsession with the epic book series Bloodfall and the fangirl who may be turning his harsh reality into real-life fantasy. Dill's only escapes are his music and his secret feelings for Lydia—neither of which he is brave enough to share. Graduation feels more like an ending to Dill than a beginning. But even before then, he must cope with another ending—one that will rock his life to the core.

2. Join the Summer Reading Extra Credit Google Classroom using **class code** [**wsztfup**](#).

3. Watch the segment on ABC Dateline about snake handling. <https://abcn.ws/2IB4nAv>

4. Read this Jeff Zentner interview. <https://bit.ly/2sRstPy>

5. Complete the summer reading test on Thursday, August 29th in the media center. A minimum score of 70% is required to receive extra credit.

Students that complete these requirements will earn 2 extra credit points toward their final grade for the first nine weeks of their English AND social studies class.

Additional Information

☆ Students are responsible for obtaining a copy of the book. Books may be purchased from Barnes & Noble, Better World Books, Amazon, etc.

☆ You may listen to an audiobook or read an ebook version of the book. Both are available for FREE on OverDrive at <http://hhs.lib.overdrive.com/>.

OverDrive Student Login Information:

Username: first initial + middle initial + last initial + lunch number

Password: 8 digit birthdate

☆ Have questions about this program? Contact Mrs. Sixto at rsixto.hhs@catoosa.k12.ga.us.

