

GRADE 9 – *Uglies*, by Scott Westerfeld

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Due Date: Monday, August 29th

Instructions:

Please choose and complete one of the following two tasks.

Task: Compose a three page essay that traces Tally Youngblood's changing feelings about becoming a pretty. What initially attracts Tally to the life of a pretty, and what factors and experiences lead her in a different direction? Do you agree with her final decision? Also, consider the ways in which the desire to become a pretty in Westerfeld's futuristic society is comparable to feelings and desires that teens experience in our own times. If given the choice, would you become pretty? Explain your position.

Task: An allegory is a way of understanding a literary work as having a secondary meaning or significance, a sort of extended form of symbolism. Compose an essay that examines and reflects upon the ways in which the pressures and desires to become a pretty in Westerfeld's futuristic society are comparable to feelings or circumstances that teens may experience in our own times. If given the choice, would you become pretty? Explain your position. Essays should be three typed pages.