

Incoming 9th Grade Required Reading:

Red Kayak by Priscilla Cummings

Why Should I Care About *Red Kayak*?

Have you ever been faced with a difficult decision? Ever wondered if it was better to tell the truth or to lie?

Red Kayak is a coming of age story about loyalty, choices, and courage.

Brady Parks lives on the water on Maryland's Eastern Shore where his father makes his living crabbing and repairing boats. Developers and rich families are moving into the area, and while Brady befriends some of them, like the DiAngelos, some of the locals are bitter about the changes. Brady and his best friends J.T. and Digger find themselves entangled in a tragedy that tests their friendship and their ideas about right and wrong.

The novel covers roughly six months of Brady's life, opening in the fall of his ninth-grade year but flashing back to an incident that took place during the previous spring.

Please access the following link to listen to *Red Kayak* or read it online:

<https://srsdlibraryportal.weebly.com/theredkayak.html>