

## Summer Reading 2020-2021

Students,

As we moved to virtual school this spring, it was clear that we needed to make some changes in what and how we were learning. Given our current situation, it's clear that our summer reading expectations would have to change, too. You know that usually, we would assign you a book or two that would directly relate to your class, and that you'd work with and write about when the school year began. However, this year, the expectation will be different--we want you to read a book for you. We hope you pick something you enjoy, that matters to you, that you're interested in. While we'll have a list of suggested books, you can pick a book that's not on that list!

The requirements are:

- Young adult or above (no middle-grade novels like Harry Potter)
- Not a book that was read in middle school
- Over 140 pages
- Appropriate for school in **content** and of appropriate **literary quality** (no purely romance stories, no video game novelizations, no Twilight-like stories)
- Must be published books (no Wattpad, fan fiction, self-published books, etc.)

Later in the summer, your teachers will send a survey to your Google Classroom asking what book you've chosen. You can always reach out if you're not sure if a book will be approved. You will turn in your summer reading assignment to your new English teacher on the **first day** of the 2020-2021 school year. You can submit a physical copy or do this work online. Stay tuned for a Google Classroom link from your new teacher in mid-August to submit via Google Docs. **World Lit semester 2 block classes--your work is due on the first day of the school year in August as well!**

After you read your book, you'll either use a double-entry journal to analyze passages of the book **or** complete a creative project and reflection on the themes and ideas presented in the book. Only one of these assignments is required--not both!

If you have any questions, you can contact either your English teacher from this past school year, or the English teachers you might have next year!

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**\*\*Note:** AP English Literature and AP English Language students have separate assignments. They should not complete this assignment.