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Re: DPI Literature Course Changes

Dear Parents,

The IBO re-evaluates each of its Diploma Program curricula on a 7-year schedule in order to update courses with the newest teaching and subject material as well as to respond to comments from schools. We will begin teaching our new curriculum for DP literature this fall.

We’re pleased to share a few opportunities that will provide additional student freedom to reflect and share independent analysis that allows them to select which text/s to use for each assessment. This has been designed to reduce student stress, and to help students become aware of how their study is relevant to their lives, the communities to which they belong and the wider global context.

One significant requirement involves making short and long term connections to each text throughout both junior and senior year. This involves students referring back to previous annotations and rereading sections of texts to demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of rigorous texts. Consequently, we **highly suggest all students purchase their own copies of each of the following texts as they will use them for assessments throughout the two-year course.** We recommend purchasing well in advance and encourage the use of second-hand book sources such as Amazon.com or AbeBooks.com. If you have any questions or concerns about purchasing these texts, please contact Christopher Smith at [chsmith@bloomfield.org](mailto:chsmith@bloomfield.org) or Lynne Gibson at [lgibson@bloomfield.org](mailto:lgibson@bloomfield.org).

- *Midaq Alley* - Naguib Mafouz
- *Persepolis* - Marjane Satrapi
- *Hamlet* - William Shakespeare
- *Life of Pi* - Yann Martel
- *Metamorphosis* - Franz Kafka
- *Little Fires Everywhere* - Celeste Ng (**Mrs. Juco only**)
- *Batman: The Dark Knight Returns* - Frank Miller (**Mr. Woods only**)

We will provide students with packets of selected poems from *The World’s Wife* by Carol Ann Duffy or selected poems by Maya Angelou.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Juco and Mr. Woods



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