

Summer Reading 2021

For the upcoming 2021-2022 school year, students entering English I, English II, English III, and any other class for which a specific reading is not assigned are expected to partake in the CHOICE Summer Reading Program. Unlike previous summer assignments, the focus here is the following:

- Students select the text they wish to read;
- Students should aim to read for a minimum of 20 minutes a day;
- Students should aim to complete at least one substantial text (minimum 150 pages);
- Once school starts, students will be asked to engage with the book in several possible ways (analytical writing, creating writing, podcasts and/or book reviews) and they are encouraged to find other ways to find pleasure and meaning from their texts;
- Parents can support their child/children's reading habits through conversations, encouragement and even by reading the same text as their child/children.

*Students in AP, IB, or elective classes may have alternative reading assignments. Please make sure you are clear on what assignment you are to follow.

Why 20 Minutes of Reading EVERY Day?

One of the downfalls of summer vacation is a long-studied concern in the field of education that is known as "summer loss". This refers to the fact that while out of school for an extended period of time students lose some of the knowledge and skills that they had gained during the school year. One of the most enjoyable ways to combat this is by developing a habit of sustained reading. Sustained reading means that you read daily and that you read texts of length (a novel, a collection of short stories, a book of poetry, a graphic novel) as opposed to shorter pieces (an article from "The Economist," a blog post, a sports report or a newspaper story). This is not to say that shorter texts lack value but simply that they should not make up the only reading that you engage in.

If you need guidance or suggestions on what book to choose, please contact your current or future English teacher.