



SHADY SIDE ACADEMY

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Rising Form II Students:

It's a bird! It's a plane! It's your Summer Reading List! You will have to forgive our inclination to make superhero references; we are just so excited to present this incredible list of reading opportunities to you! In Form II English, we center our discussions and writing around the concept of justice. This topic will guide our process, and we will begin our year with a text that will help us to develop our own working definitions of justice and heroism. For our first all-form text (a book that the whole grade reads), we are asking you to please read the new graphic novel, *Superman Smashes the Klan*, which is written by Gene Luen Yang and illustrated by Gurihiru. Please also make sure to read Yang's article, "Superman and Me," which is included in the back of the book. When we return to school, we will be discussing the book in English class as well as in other classes. Please purchase a copy of the text (ISBN: 978-1779504210), and please bring it to school with you when you return in August.

You are also required to read an additional **three** books from the [Form II Summer Reading List](#). You may not select more than one graphic novel; otherwise, you are free to choose three books from anywhere on the list. We have carefully selected books that will benefit your personal and academic growth. We hope that you will find enjoyment, engagement, and appropriate challenges in your selections. If you would like to read more than three books, please challenge yourself appropriately!

You will find a [link to a survey](#) to complete for each of your three choice books. Please print a survey for each of the three books and complete it thoroughly and thoughtfully. Use complete sentences and create original, focused writing responses. You will need to bring these three completed surveys with you to your first English class in August. Please note (all students): you do not have to complete a survey for *Superman Smashes the Klan*. Also, you may find it best to read *Superman Smashes the Klan* last (in August) so that it is fresh in your memory.

We are eager to discuss these books with you when we return to school. It is our sincere hope that you will gain new insights into our world by reading some of these fantastic pieces of literature. Whether you choose to read your books in a red cape or in some flip-flops by the pool, we hope you enjoy the learning process. Here's to a beautiful, book-filled summer!

See you in August,

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Form II English Teachers

"What makes Superman a hero is not that he has power, but that he has the wisdom and the maturity to use the power wisely." -Christopher Reeve