



# ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

## 2024 Summer Reading

### AP/ACP GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

Teacher: Mr. Brandon Westlake

#### PART I: PERSONAL HISTORY

You will be reading *Women and Power: A Manifesto* by Mary Beard. It discusses how women have been shut out from areas of power and influence throughout history, and what that might mean for the future.

Please watch the video at this link for a little intro:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ANA2cmTK3n2k46YEVxtOsHJg3-OdBCeA/view>

Then, write a reflection- 300 words minimum, 400 words maximum- about Beard's ideas. There is no right or wrong answer; I'm looking to see if you can explain your ideas. It should be analytical, however, and should use evidence from the book.

Your reflection should include all of the following:

- 300 words minimum, 400 words maximum
- Written in a Google Doc and shared with Mr. W (bwestlake@stjosephacademy.org) by the first class
- Specific evidence from the book, with page numbers in parentheses like this: "blah blah blah (4)." Stay away from any quotes longer than one line
- Free of major grammar and spelling mistakes
- Each paragraph should have one main idea
- No summary of the book; it should only include analysis of Beard's ideas

We will discuss these ideas and your essays on the first day of class.