

Colegio San Ignacio
English Department
12th Grade – Honor and Regular



Summer Reading Guide - 2024

***The Watchmen* by Alan Moore**

Summer Reading is a critical component of academic experience as it enables students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. It heightens students' critical thinking skills in preparation for the new challenges ahead. It is also a journey into other worlds and civilizations that transcend our expectations and imaginative selves. It is a bridge traversing social injustice and the self as it explores new pathways toward inclusion and equality. It enhances literacy, awareness, and wisdom by engaging our students in active reading outside of the classroom, making the experience of reading graphic novels thought-provoking and triggering with a rare balance of delight and controversy.

As you read, you should:

1. Identify plot structure and major events in the graphic novel.
2. Identify characters and trace their development throughout the text.
3. Identify and analyze the characters' motivations and thought processes.
4. Analyze and connect the different conflicts and themes within the text.
5. Think about how the setting affects the events and the development of the plot.
6. Think about how the historical and political fact and fiction elements alter the plot.
7. Connect how the narrator's point of view affects the telling of the story.
8. Explain the writer's purpose in authoring this graphic novel.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed through various class activities and discussions. The *Socratic Seminars* are a key component of these varied assessments which will include a *Creative Performance* on specific characters and themes, a *Literary Critique*, and *Test*. The students need to be prepared to discuss the novel during the first two cycles as they polish their live performances and the major writing project. The instructions on this critique will be introduced in August. The teacher will share a link with you on how to build one and will explain it thoroughly.