



**Colegio San Ignacio  
English Department  
10th Grade – Honor and Regular**



**Summer Reading Guide – 2024: *The Complete Persepolis* by Marji Satrapi**

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. Summer readings tell stories of social injustice and suffering as well as social triumph and inclusion. It is a journey into other worlds and societies that transcend our expectations and imaginative selves. Yet 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 delightful.

**As you read, you should:**

1. Create a word list of unfamiliar terms to you based on the plot.
2. Consider definitions, synonyms, and the context of these words.
3. Identify plot structure and major events in the graphic novel.
4. Identify characters and trace their development throughout the text.
5. Identify and analyze the characters' motivations and thought processes.
6. Analyze and connect the different conflicts and themes within the text.
7. Think about how the setting affects the events and the development of the plot.
8. Think about how the historical and political fact and fiction elements alter the plot.
9. Connect how the narrator's point of view affects the telling of the story.
10. Explain the writer's purpose in authoring this graphic novel.

**Assessments:**

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 *Character Profile* with images, author's purpose through a *Literary Critique*, and *Test or Composition*. The students need to be prepared to discuss the novel during the first two cycles as they polish their academic performances. The instructions on the critique and other activities will be introduced in August.