

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



Summer Reading Guide – 2026: *The Complete Persepolis* by Marji Satrapi

Summer Reading is a critical component of academic experience. 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 intriguing, profound, and thought-provoking.

As you read, you should:

1. Search for articles or video content on the origins of Persepolis.
2. Search for controversies and critiques on the author's life.
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. Discuss how the setting affects the events and the development of the plot.
8. Discuss how historical, political facts, and fictional elements alter the plot.
9. Connect how the narrator's point of view affects the story through an AI's lens.
10. Explain the writer's purpose in authoring this graphic novel through an AI's lens.

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, the author's purpose through a *Literary Critique*, and a *Formative Test*. The students need to be prepared to discuss the novel during the first two cycles as they polish their live performances, the major writing project, and the summative test. The instructions for this critique will be introduced in August. The teacher will share a link with you on how to build one and explain it thoroughly. Certain AI platforms are welcome if they support transparency and integrity when cited properly.

Have a wonderful summer!