

Humanities 1 Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to **Humanities 1**, a course that combines **English 1** and **Civics/Perspectives on Race**.

In these partnered courses, you will read, write, discuss, and think about important questions such as:

- What does a person owe to their community?
- What does a community owe its people?
- How should a society balance freedom, responsibility, and fairness?
- How should power be used—and how should it be limited?

Why Reading Matters

Reading is one of the most important skills students build in high school.

In Humanities 1, **literacy** means more than just finishing a book. It means being able to:

- understand important ideas
- notice details and patterns
- think about different points of view
- connect texts to life and the world
- explain ideas clearly in speaking and writing

Strong reading helps students succeed in **every single subject**. This humanities course is designed to build a strong foundation of literacy for all students.

What You Need to Do

Students will read two books:

- ***Anthem*** by Ayn Rand
- ***Braiding Sweetgrass (Young Adult Adaptation)*** by Robin Wall Kimmerer

* See website for instructions on finding and downloading both books for free through Sora. You may also purchase copies or borrow them from your local library.

As you read, think about these questions:

- What does *Anthem* suggest about individuality and freedom?
- What does *Braiding Sweetgrass* suggest about community, reciprocity, and connection?
- What kind of society brings out the best in people?

Format for the Summer Assignment

1 page

typed **or** neatly handwritten

written in the student's own words!