

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS 2016

1. ALL-SCHOOL READ: Over the summer, each student and teacher in the high school will read *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown.

Student Assignment: Write a **critical analysis, 400 words or more**. Review the book, discuss important themes, and analyze the book's strengths and weaknesses. **This assignment is due the first day of school.**

2. INDEPENDENT READ: Choose a book from the attached reading list.

Choose a theme or concept from the book and write a **five-paragraph essay**, with an introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Don't waste too much time on summarizing the book. Focus more on analyzing the book. Include specific examples and quotes. **This assignment is due the first day of school.**

A. All papers must be typed or neatly written, stapled, double spaced, carefully proofread for spelling and grammar, and have the date and student's full name written at the top of the first page. *Tardiness is unacceptable and will not reflect positively on your first session. **Start off strong!***

B. **ALL** students, including those new to the high school and those going on exchange, are responsible for these assignments. (If you are going into an exchange or boarding situation in September, hand in the written assignments BEFORE you leave.)

C. If you want to read a book not on the reading list, check with Ms. Stone or Ms. Kenyon. Don't be afraid to ask!

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3. Each student will read the book assigned to his or her class and be prepared to discuss and write about it in English class when school begins in September.

12th Grade: *In the Time of the Butterflies*, by Julia Alvarez

11th Grade: *Deep: Freediving, Renegade Science, and What the Ocean Tells Us About Ourselves*, by James Nestor

10th Grade: *Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President*, by Candice Millard

9th Grade: *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

PLEASE NOTE: you must bring your book to class with you in September.