



Pompano Beach High School

Summer Reading 2021

Incoming 9th Graders

During the summer before 9th grade, we want you to rediscover the love of reading. Think back to when you were younger and read what you wanted. Remember elementary school book fairs when you chose your books? Well, that's what we want you do this summer. Talk to the adults in your lives and ask them for book recommendations. Look around the house for books on the shelves. See what your friends are reading. Think about topics you like and do an internet search for books about that topic.

It doesn't matter if the book you select is fiction or non-fiction, but it should be appropriate for your age/grade level.

If you need some ideas, here are a few books to consider:

Children of Blood and Bone by Tomi Adeyemi

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

Sleeping Freshmen Never Lie by David Lubar

Or you might try something that's traditionally classic/literary and FREE on Gutenberg:

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll (<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/11>)

A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare (<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2242>)

The American Library Association also has a list of Young Adults books from 2020 that it recommends; see if you find anything of interest there! <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/2020-top-ten-best-fiction>

You are encouraged to choose a book that interests YOU!

Upon the start of the 2021-2022 school year, you will be assigned a project based on your summer reading book.

The project will be a book review and include two parts. For the first part of the assignment, you will write a script of your Book Review with the following elements included:

TEASER: An ear-catching introduction to the book that mentions the title of the book and the author. You want to gain the audience's attention and might consider a question or making a connection. For example, you might say, "Do you like [a type of genre]?" Think about some similar stories your readers might be familiar with. Why else should your reader become immersed in your story?

PREVIEW THE BOOK: Read a paragraph from your book. (You should pick one that is interesting and will make the audience want to hear more. Be careful not to spoil the plotline!)

WHY DO YOU RECOMMEND? Explain why you chose that paragraph to share.

THE END: Wrap up strongly. Don't forget to restate the author and the book title!

For the second part of the assignment, you will record yourself reading the script in the appropriate tone for your specific book review. Your tone may differ based on your opinion of the book or even the content. The book reviews will be placed in a virtual library to encourage your classmates to read!

A scoring rubric, along with more specific details about submitting the assignment, will be provided the first week of your Pre-AP English 1 course. **However, over the summer, simply focus on reading and enjoying your book!**