**Summer Reading**

As a rising Junior or Senior, your summer assignment is to read two books: one non-fiction and one fiction of your choice. Complete a reading log ( listed below ) for each book. We will use some version of these reading logs throughout the year. You can make your own version of the reading log listed below. Once you have completed your two books for the summer, answer the questions at the bottom of the reading log for each book. You will receive a grade for answering the questions and completing the reading logs. When we return, your first writing assignment will be on one of the books that you read over the summer.

**Directions:** This activity is designed to increase your reading speed and comprehension. It will also help you get into the habit of reading every day. You are not expected to read longer than 20 minutes, but you can if you want to.

***Step 1***: Take 20 minutes out of your day to read. Doesn’t matter when, where, or how. Just set a timer for 20 minutes and read.

***Step 2:*** Keep track of the number of pages you read. Use a pencil, pen, or finger to push your eyes across the page. See how many pages you can read in 20 minutes while still understanding what you’ve read.

***Step 3:*** Keep track of what you read. Write down basic plot points, characters, ideas you have etc.

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| Day and Time | # of Pages Read | Summary of what you read. Basic plot points. Characters, Rhetorical Devices etc. Also, include thoughts and reflections on what you’ve read. |
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Answer the following questions for each book

1. Did you like this book? Explain.
2. Is this an important book? By that, is this a book that you would recommend to an important person in your life? Why?
3. Explain the context of this book. Is it significant in its relationship to history, genre, social issues, etc?
4. What impact did this book have on your worldview, personal value system, or outlook on life? Was it just entertainment? What did you take away from this book?