

## **Summer Assignment for ALL Students = #CambridgeReads**

All research tells us that reading, including pleasure reading, improves vocabulary, comprehension skills, concentration, imagination, and achievement. To promote learning for ALL our students, we are asking ALL students to read this summer. Before you roll your eyes at me Bears, we are asking YOU to choose what YOU want to read. YOU get to choose!!! Each department has put together a suggested list of books that will encourage thought and exploration of their content area (listed below). This is just a suggested list and none of them are required summer reading. We want you to love to read - no annotations, no tests, no essays, no DBQs, no projects. JUST READ. Students, I encourage you to pick out the books that interest you, this is a great list to start from, and read. This is not mandatory, but this IS an activity that will support your ability to critically think, analyze, and seek out new viewpoints. Want to improve grades and test scores? Reading will do both.

Further, parents and community members, I highly recommend that you pick out a book or two and read alongside your student. This will be something you can talk about, bond with, and will help create memories. Families that read together, learn and grow together. So, let's get started! Pick out a book (or two or three) and get reading! Students, Parents & Community, as you read over the summer, please post to your social media (Twitter, Facebook or Instagram) with the #CambridgeReads. I would love to see what you are reading! GO BEARS! A<sup>2</sup>

### **Book Recommendations:**

#### **Art:**

Art & Fear: Observations On the Perils (and Rewards) of Artmaking by David Bayles and Ted Orland

#### **Science:**

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot

Survival of the Sickest by Dr. Sharon Moalem

Your Inner Fish by Neil Shubin

Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers by Mary Roach

Human Errors by Nathan Lents

Radium Girls by Cyrielle Evrard and Kate Moore

The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan

Under the White Sky: The Nature of the Future by Elizabeth Kolbert

#### **English:**

##### **9<sup>th</sup>**

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Monster by Walter Dean Myers

##### **10<sup>th</sup>**

The Overachievers: The Secret Lives of Driven Kids by Alexandra Robbins

A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini

##### **11<sup>th</sup>**

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

##### **12<sup>th</sup>**

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut

**Math:**

Pi of Life: Hidden Happiness of Mathematics by Sunil Singh

MVP Machine by Ben Lindberg and Travis Sawchick

Weapons of Math Destruction by Cathi O'Neil

**Social Studies:**

Travels of a T-Shirt in the Global Economy by Pietra Rivoli

Naked Economics by Charles Wheelan

Cartoon History of the Universe Vol. 1-3 by Larry Gonick

Cartoon History of the Modern World by Larry Gonick

The Dictator's Handbook: Why Bad Behavior is Almost Always Good Politics (2011) by Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith

The Sword and the Shield by Peniel E Joseph

The Face of Battle by John Keegan.

Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World--and Why Things Are Better Than You Think by Hans Rosling

Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Tell You Everything You Need To Know About Global Politics by Tim Marshall

**World Language:**

The Story of French by Barlow & Nadeau

The Bonjour Effect by Barlow & Nadeau

The Story of Spanish by Barlow & Nadeau

**CTAE:**

Discipline Equals Freedom (Field Manual) by Jocko Willink

Habitudes Book #1: The Art of Self-Leadership by Tim Elmore

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