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What?

Over the summer, you are expected to read 2 texts that you have *not previously read*. These texts should be school appropriate. The texts can be graphic novels.

The best texts are texts you actually are interested in reading. As people for suggestions. You might ask your family, friends, neighbors, people who work at bookstores or librarians or anyone else whose judgment you trust.

In case you are stuck and can not make a choice, I am sharing several lists that might help. There is no “best” list. Scroll to page 2 to see the lists.

Why?

Not only is reading essential to your success throughout the academic year, but it is also crucial to your ongoing learning over the summer.

How?

First and foremost, read attentively. It would be wise to record your thoughts in an informal way as you read so that you are well prepared to respond in a way that reflects your abilities as a reader and writer. When you have finished each book, answer each of the following questions with a quote from the text:

- a. What is the setting like?
- b. What conflicts do the characters face?
- c. What do you think the author is saying about the environment these characters “live” in?
- d. How is this book similar/different from the others you read this summer?

When you are done, put all your notes in a chart like with these headings:

Title of the book	What conflicts do the characters face?	What do you think the author is saying about the environment these characters “live” in?	Use this column to discuss any commonalities you see between two or more of these texts (How are their settings, conflicts, or messages similar?)
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When?

Please have your reading responses ready to turn in when you return to school in the fall. This will NOT strongly affect your grade. You are doing it to enrich your mind, not for a grade. This should be enjoyable, not stressful.

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Below are HYPERLINKS (Click on them) that will take you to resources you can use for summer reading and beyond!

The New York Public Library List for High School Readers	The Brooklyn Public Library List for High School (Look on the right side of the website and you will see suggestions by theme)
The New York City Department of Education's List for High School	This page has many lists organized by interest and purpose.
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