



2009 - 2010 Summer Reading List
Incoming Freshmen

**~~~~You will read 3 books in all - 2 for World Literature
and 1 for Social Studies~~~~**

CGS World Literature I - You must read 2 books (one required, one chosen from the list) as follows:

Required: Chinese Cinderella, by Adeline Yen Mah

In addition to the **required text, above, choose one from the list below:**

Maus I: My Father Bleeds History, by Art Spiegelman

Maus II: And Here My Troubles Began, by Art Spiegelman

The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd

The Odyssey, by Homer

ASSIGNMENT: Keep a double entry journal for both the required reading and the work of your choice (approximately 10 entries per text) .

CGS Social Studies Class - You must read one of the books below from the culture you have chosen:

Chinese Social Studies: Red Scarf Girl, by Ji-Li Jiang. A memoir of the Cultural Revolution in China.

Japanese Social Studies: Hiroshima, by John Hersey. The survivors tell the story of the first atomic bomb and its effects.

Middle East Social Studies: Habibi, by Naomi Shihab Nye. A young Arab-American girl returns to Palestine and discovers her heritage and issues of conflict.

ASSIGNMENT: Examine four or five events that you found interesting from different parts of the book. Write a response explaining your feelings and reactions to the issues you have chosen. Include your questions about the issues and your interest in learning more. I am not looking for a summary of the parts of the book you have chosen, I want to hear your voice and your thoughts on the issues portrayed.

BMHS Other Classes:

Please check the BMHS website for any other classes you are taking that may have summer assignments, such as Honors Biology.

***See Instructions for Double Entry Journal on Separate Sheet.**