**IB HL 1: Summer Assignment**

Welcome to International Baccalaureate HL year 1! One of the foundational components of the high school language arts curriculum is to facilitate and / or build upon a sincere appreciation and love of reading. Diving into a good book can be interesting, fascinating and even inspiring. The journey of reading can even give us ideas and wisdom that we can carry forward with us long after we put the work back on the shelf. To that end, the summer assignment is quite simple and straightforward. It is simply to do the following:

1. Find a book, fiction or nonfiction, one that you have not yet read, that interests you in some way.
2. Read the book. (It doesn’t get much more simple than that!)

Be prepared to analyze and write about the book you have chosen when you return to school, in the fall; however, you need not submit any written work immediately upon your return. In fact, for this assignment, we want you to simply enjoy reading, and would ask that you actually refrain from doing any additional work that might take away from the experience.

If you choose a book and begin reading, and find that it is not for you, feel free to choose another book and move forward with that one instead.

In case, you find it difficult to choose, which is not uncommon, we have compiled a list of works that various teachers have found not only enjoyable but also thought - provoking. If you’d like, you may choose anything from this list, which is linked below; or, feel free to go entirely in your own direction.

[Faculty Book Choices](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#search/dgalambos%40ojrsd.net?projector=1)

You can also search for books and their reviews on [Goodreads](https://www.goodreads.com/). It is a great resource!

Enjoy your reading and we look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Sincerely,

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