



2010 – 2011 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

The Secret Life of Bees, by Sue Monk Kidd

The Odyssey, by Homer

**ASSIGNMENT:** Within the first week of class, you will have a test and/or project on this assigned reading. Keeping this in mind, take notes as you read to use as a foundation for the test and/or project.

**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 Classes:**

Please check the BMHS website for any other classes you are taking that may have summer assignments.