



2008 – 2009 Summer Reading List
Incoming Freshmen

CGS World Literature:

Required Text: Chinese Cinderella, by Adeline Yen Mah

In addition to the required text, 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 the required reading and the work of your choice (approximately 10 entries per text).

CGS Social Studies Classes:

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

Japanese Social Studies: Hiroshima, by John Hershey. 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 on Separate Sheet.