



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.**