

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING

This year's summer reading will focus on the importance of social justice in our everyday lives.

Directions:

Scholars are to select one of the following books (option 1 or option 2), read it in its entirety, and complete the written assignment by Monday, August 16, 2021. We encourage scholars not to wait until the due date to complete the assignment as teachers will issue additional assignments based on the selected readings during the first two weeks of school.

Option 1

“Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance” by Jason Reynolds. This book is a young adult anthology featuring fictional stories of everyday resistance. This anthology features fictional stories--in poems, prose, and art--that reflect a slice of the varied and limitless ways that readers like you resist every day.

https://www.amazon.com/Take-Mic-Fictional-Everyday-Resistance/dp/133834370X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Take+the+Mic%3A+Fictional+Stories+of+Everyday+Resistance+by+Jason+Reynolds&qid=1624566647&s=books&sr=1-1

After reading *“Take the Mic: Fictional Stories of Everyday Resistance,”* write a letter to your new teacher that details what you learned about the various ways that people demonstrate resistance. Share with your teacher why you think the editor chose to share these fictional acts of resistance. Let your teacher know which stories resonated the most with you. Lastly, in your letter, let your new teacher know how the stories compare or contrast to your personal experiences.

Option 2

“Black Enough: Stories of Being Young & Black in America” by Ibi Zoboi. This book is an essential collection of captivating stories about what it's like to be young and Black in America.

https://www.amazon.com/Black-Enough-Stories-Being-America/dp/0062698737/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Black+Enough%3A+Stories+of+Being+Young+%26+Black+in+America+by+Ibi+Zoboi&qid=1624566763&s=books&sr=1-1

After reading *“Black Enough: Stories of Being Young and Black in America,”* write a letter to your new teacher that details what you learned regarding what it means to be young and Black in America. Be sure to include information about the stories that resonated the most with you. Lastly, in your letter, let your new teacher know how the stories compare or contrast to your personal experiences.

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Listed below are additional recommended but not required Summer Readings:

- a) *Piecing Me Together* by Renee Watson

This is a powerful story about a girl striving for success in a world that too often seems like it's trying to break her.

- b) *Some Places More Than Others* by Renee Watson

This book is about finding deep roots and exploring the past, the present, and the places that make us who we are. A young girl travels to New York and learns about her family and herself.

- c) *A Cuban Girl's Guide to Tea and Tomorrow* by Laura Taylor Namey

1“*This is a fascinating, heartfelt story following a Miami girl who unexpectedly finds love—and herself—in a small English town.*”