

Dear Parents and Student:

Our summer reading assignments are meant to encourage our students' love of reading over the summer. South America is the focus of our global studies this fall and will be featured in our continent study. The required reading selections will be an important part of our integrated curriculum this fall, particularly in Humanities World Studies. **All summer reading assignments must be completed by the first day of school on August 21. Students will need to have copies of their required reading book in class beginning the first day.**

**Incoming 9th and 10th grade High School students are required to read a total of three books over the summer.**

**The two titles below are required reading for all high school students.** Students are encouraged to take notes as they read so that they will be prepared for discussing and analyzing each book in class. Pay particular attention to the context of the story (time period and world events). Also, look for any connections they can make between the text and themselves. **There is no project due for these required books. All work will be in class.**

*The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12296.The\\_Scarlet\\_Letter?from\\_search=true](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12296.The_Scarlet_Letter?from_search=true)

**Along with reading this book you are also required to watch the companion movie *Easy A* - we will be discussing this movie along with the book in class.**

*The Martian* by Andy Weir

[https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18007564-the-martian?from\\_search=true](https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18007564-the-martian?from_search=true)

**This book contains mature language and there is a classroom version available. This book will be discussed in your science class.**

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**The other title for summer reading is the student's choice and should NOT be a book he or she has previously read.** There are many excellent young adult books available, including the titles recommended at the following link:

<http://www.readbrightly.com/topics/summer-reading/>

**\*Each student will need to create a project for the books he or she chooses.\*** The project should tell the class all the important details about the book your student read (title, author, genre, characters, setting, plot). Students may choose a project idea from the list included or create their own idea! Have fun and be creative! **Students will present their projects the first week of school.**

Happy reading this summer!