

Freshman English: Summer Reading Assignment

Grab a Good Book...

Whether you spend your summer hanging out with friends in Santiago, relaxing at the beach, or visiting family, grab a good book to prepare you for Freshman English! When you return to school in the fall, your English teacher will incorporate your summer reading into your class through various methods that may include an essay, a presentation, a creative project and/or a test.

This fall the Freshman English course will focus on **analyzing just and unjust relationships**. You will study how this theme is developed through characters and their conflicts. As you read your novel, keep the following questions in mind:

How does a character's social status influence interactions with others?

How do characters respond to acts of injustice?

How does a character's worldview affect his/ her response to injustice?

When you read your novel, do so very carefully. You should take notes either in your book (underlining key lines or writing notes in the margin that help you to process the work) or in a composition notebook. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may be helpful, and you should be sure to mark them. Also, writing chapter-by-chapter plot notes (either in the book at the end of each chapter or in a composition notebook) will enable you to recall the details of each story when you begin English class.

Your reading selections include:

Beauty: A Retelling of Beauty and the Beast- Robin McKinley

The Hiding Place-Corrie Ten Boom*

The Hobbit J.R.R. Tolkien

The Book Thief Markus Zusak

*Ms. Brooker has copies of this text in HS Room A if you need one!

If you have any question please feel free to contact Ms. Brooker at mbrooker@scs.edu.do.

I look forward to discussing your reading experience with you as we explore ideas of justice, identity, and worldview! Have a great summer!

Ms. Brooker