



# Senior Class Summer Reading, 2020-21

## Poplar Campus

Dear Future Seniors and Parents of The City School,

I hope you have a wonderful and restful summer break. Included in this letter is your summer reading assignment for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of this assignment is to keep your mind sharp, prepare you for the upcoming school year, and to be a source of enjoyment for you! When we allow them to, books have the power to transport us to other worlds, worlds which satisfy our desire to be entertained and teach us truths about the world God has given us.

The upcoming class will concern Modern Literature, which will generally be defined as literature from the early 1900s to the mid 1900s. The texts will come from different continents. Modern literature spanned the various corners of the globe, and so the globe will be considered in our course of study.

To this end, for this summer, please complete the following assignments:

### **Assignment # 1**

Read *A Doll's House*, written by the Norwegian author Henrik Ibsen and published in 1879. As you read, please take notes, and then summarize what you believe Ibsen's main point to be. This text should be easily found in the Philadelphia library system, or online used. This is due on 3 September.

### **Assignment # 2**

Read *The First World War: A Very Short Introduction*, by Michael Howard. The book is available used at Amazon, and the ISBN you want to search for is 978-0199205592. Please read the text, and then list and explain three key points about the war. This can be finished in writing or print. This will be due on 3 September.

### **Assignment # 3**

Please gather ten words through the course of the summer that you are unfamiliar with. As you do so, record where and when you encountered the word, and then gain a definition of the word, the part of speech, and write a sentence that correctly uses the word. You will present your ten words in class on 5 September, when this is due. This assignment will be a Project grade for Quarter 1.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions over the summer at my email:  
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