Greetings from your 9th Grade English Teacher!

As you prepare to enter high school, I want to remind and instill in you how important it is to be a \textit{READER}! This is a skill that will benefit you greatly throughout the rest of your time at University High School and long after. Not only do I want you to read, but I also want you to enjoy yourself and see that reading really can be enjoyable. In this spirit, I am offering you the opportunity to select your own summer reading book. You will use this book to complete an academic project in the first few weeks of school, so be sure to choose wisely and read closely!

I do ask that you pick a book that is:
- Age-appropriate (meaning one that is mature and challenging enough for your age, but not one that is too adult).
- Has well-developed characters and plot.
- NOT a picture books or graphic novel.
- NEW to you! Reading old favorites is awesome, but for this project, please pick something you have never read!
- NOT a book that you have studied in the last few years in class.

I am including links to various websites that will assist you in choosing a book. These sites are full of amazing titles and stories that you will undoubtedly love!

Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to seeing you in the fall!

https://www.goodreads.com/genres/young-readers
https://www.state.lib.la.us/literacy-and-reading/louisiana-young-readers-choice

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