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 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 it! In this spirit, I am offering you the opportunity to select your OWN summer reading books. On the back of this form, there is a Bingo board we will use to track your independent reading throughout the year. Mark the books you read on this sheet, and bring it the first day of school.

**You should read at least TWO books this summer that you have not read before! We will complete assignments and projects with these two books in the first weeks of school.**

I do ask you to 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 book 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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Specific expectations: Keep a list of all the books you read this summer! Remember, you need to read two, but it would be AWESOME if you read more!

a. Create a list of all the books you read this summer. List them by author name, book title, and the year it was published.

b. Would you recommend this book to another person? Be specific in your justification. “Yes because it’s good” is only the start of an answer. Be specific! Are the characters interesting? Are there huge surprises and plot twists? Did it strike you emotionally? Jot notes in support of your opinion.

c. Make a few notes about the characters in the story and how they showed you some truths about human nature.