

8th Grade Summer Reading  
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Students must read two books this summer: Marie Lu's *Legend*, a primary text in our first unit, and one book from the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice List provided below. While there is no written assignment for the summer, please reflect on the questions below as you read. Record your answers on loose-leaf paper. Please annotate *Legend* for literary devices and text evidence that support your ideas. Your thoughtful answers to these questions will help enrich our discussions and deepen our understanding of the text.

Students must purchase a copy of Marie Lu's *Legend*; however, students may listen to an audio version or read an electronic version of the book they select from the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice List above. The books on the list may also be checked out from a library. A copy of the book is not required. We will discuss these books in literature circles during the first week of school.

### **Reflection Questions for annotation in Marie Lu's *Legend*:**

- 1. Which personal qualities help characters become agents of change?**
- 2. How do characters' choices affect their own lives and the lives of others?**
- 3. How do characters evolve throughout the story? How do their experiences and conflicts lead to their personal growth?**
- 4. What traits help characters address internal and external conflicts?**
- 5. How do characters' relationships with others influence their decisions and actions?**
- 6. How do characters' backgrounds and personal histories shape their perspectives and actions?**
- 7. What motivates characters to pursue their goals, and how do they overcome obstacles?**

### **Beyond Book One**

If the world of *Legend* sparks your interest, consider reading the remaining books in the series: *Prodigy*, *Champion*, and *Rebel*. Furthermore, if you are drawn to stories about brave change agents--characters who risk everything to challenge oppressive systems--delve into works by authors such as Suzanne Collins, Neal Shusterman, Lois Lowry, Victoria Aveyard, and Scott Westerfield. Reading additional books by these authors will deepen your appreciation of how young protagonists navigate controlling systems, uncover truth, and pursue justice.

### **Louisiana Young Readers' Choice List**

**Boy 2.0** by Tracey Baptiste

**Bye Forever, I guess** by Jodi Meadows

**Find Her** by Ginger Reno

**It Came from the Trees** by Ally Russell

**The Last Dragon on Mars** by Scott Reintgen

**Mid-Air** by Alicia D. Williams

**The Night War** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

**Not Quite A Ghost** by Ann Ursu

**Plain Jane and the Mermaid** by Vera Brosgol

**Table Titans Club** by Scott Kurtz

**The Tenth Mistake of Hank Hooperman** by Gennifer Choldenko