Downingtown Area School District, STEM Academy
Summer Reading Assignment 2019-2020

for 11th grade English, SL Literature

The following 8 texts will be studied during 11th grade:

1. *The Sunflower* by Simon Wisenthal
2. *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn
4. *The Visit* by Friedrich Dürrenmatt
5. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
6. *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

**Student Choice:**
For two of our units, individual students will choose to study one book from a pair of options:

7. *Kitchen* by Banana Yoshimoto OR *Chronicle of a Death Foretold* by Gabriel García Márquez
8. *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro OR *The Handmaid’s Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Required Summer Readings:
- *The Sunflower* by Simon Wisenthal
- *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn
- Choice text #8 (*Never Let Me Go* OR *The Handmaid’s Tale*)

*It is highly recommended that students read as many of the books as possible and then review them when studied during the school year.

For each novel, you must read the work and create organized notes. Notes may be formatted using Cornell Notes, colored coding, or any other organization that is useable for you. The expectation is that this summer work is an introduction to works that you will need to reread and revisit throughout the year when they are studied as works of literature. Rather than just a simple plot summary, your notes should also consider themes, characterization, and unique aspects of the author’s style.

These are not the only texts we will be studying, but they are the lengthiest. In an effort to help you prepare and organize your time, use your summer time to rest, relax, and enjoy a great book or two.

Have a safe and happy summer!