Downingtown Area School District, STEM Academy
Summer Reading Assignment 2021-2022

for 11th grade English, HL Literature

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

1. *Perfume* by Patrick Süskind
2. *The Epic of Gilgamesh*
3. *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare
4. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
5. *Black Rain* by Masuji Ibuse
7. *Maus* by Art Spiegelman

**Student Choice**
For all units (4 in total), individual students will choose a book of study from the groupings of options:

8. *Dracula* by Bram Stocker **OR** *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
9. *Antigone* by Sophocles **OR** *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles
10. *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote **OR** *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson
11. *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr **OR** *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah

**Required Summer Readings:**
*Perfume* by Patrick Süskind
*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
Choice text #8 (*Dracula** OR **Frankenstein*)
Choice text #11(*All the Light We Cannot See** OR **The Nightingale*)

*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 which may be any organizational scheme that is useable for you. Rather than just a simple plot summary, your notes should also consider themes, characterization, and unique aspects of the author’s style. Though you are not required to have any product of research to turn in for evaluation, you should do some research to acquire political, cultural, historical information as well as a background of the author. 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.

Have a safe and happy summer!
Summer Reading Partnerships

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