

9th Traditional - Summer Reading

Required reading:

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

“A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.” (Amazon)

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- Required Choice — Students select 1 of the following novels:

- *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman (graphic novel/comic)

“The Pulitzer Prize-winning *Maus* tells the story of Vladek Spiegelman, a Jewish survivor of Hitler’s Europe, and his son, a cartoonist coming to terms with his father’s story. *Maus* approaches the unspeakable through the diminutive. Its form, the cartoon (the Nazis are cats, the Jews mice), shocks us out of any lingering sense of familiarity and succeeds in ‘drawing us closer to the bleak heart of the Holocaust’” (*The New York Times*).

“*Maus* is a haunting tale within a tale. Vladek’s harrowing story of survival is woven into the author’s account of his tortured relationship with his aging father. Against the backdrop of guilt brought by survival, they stage a normal life of small arguments and unhappy visits. This astonishing retelling of our century’s grisliest news is a story of survival, not only of Vladek but of the children who survive even the survivors. *Maus* studies the bloody pawprints of history and tracks its meaning for all of us.” (Amazon)

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- *The Incredible Adventures of Mr. Marxadue* by Isabelle Johnson

Life changes in an instant. Brooke Williams knows that better than anybody. After trying to save a stranger from drowning at her own expense, she is rescued by two sailors and accompanies them on their adventure of saving the Seven Pearls of the Sea from a mysterious masked criminal. Through the trials, she will come to realize that the world is far grander than she thought, and nothing is ever quite as it seems.

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- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton

“No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on ‘greasers’ like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far.” (Amazon)

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- *Children of Blood and Bone* by Tomi Adeyemi

“They killed my mother.

They took our magic.

They tried to bury us.

Now we rise.

Zélie Adebola remembers when the soil of Orīsha hummed with magic. Burners ignited flames, Tiders beckoned waves, and Zélie’s Reaper mother summoned forth souls.

But everything changed the night magic disappeared. Under

the orders of a ruthless king, maji were killed, leaving Zélie without a mother and her people without hope.

Now Zélie has one chance to bring back magic and strike against the monarchy. With the help of a rogue princess, Zélie must outwit and outrun the crown prince, who is hell-bent on eradicating magic for good.

Danger lurks in Orisha, where snow leoponaires prowl and vengeful spirits wait in the waters. Yet the greatest danger may be Zélie herself as she struggles to control her powers and her growing feelings for an enemy." (Amazon)

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