



Grades 6-12

# SUMMER READING

## Keep Connected This Summer Through Literacy

The Barnstable Public Schools English Department highly encourages incoming 6-12 grade students to stay connected in the summer months by engaging with books, blogs, articles, podcasts and other texts that interest you.

### Why Read in the summer? We want students to:

**Read for enjoyment - it shouldn't feel like homework!**

**Find something you are passionate about and learn more about it**

**Foster a culture and love of literacy in Barnstable Public Schools**

### Reading Suggestions & Resources:

Not sure what to read? Use the links below to explore some options:

#### *Learn More About Race, Identity, and Culture*

- <https://thebrownbookshelf.com/2020/05/28/kick-off-summer-reading-with-generations/>
- <https://www.commonlit.org/en/text-sets/texts-for-talking-about-race>

#### *Suggestions by Genre and Grade Level - Grades 8-12*

- <https://www.barnstable.k12.ma.us/Page/4958>

#### *Online Text Sets by Category - Grades 6-12*

- [https://www.commonlit.org/en/parents\\_and\\_guardians](https://www.commonlit.org/en/parents_and_guardians)

### How Will I Share What I'm Reading?

In September, students will receive optional project choices from their English teachers. Your teachers look forward to learning how you engaged with literacy in the summer months! Here are some ways you can share:

- **Start a Book Club:** With your friends and family, select a common book and have a virtual or socially distanced meeting to discuss! There are many options for discussion questions included with the BPS suggested read list
- **Keep a Journal:** Record your thoughts, reactions, and questions about what you read.
- **Keep a Quote Diary:** Keep track of the interesting quotes from your books and articles so you remember them in September
- **Write a Review:** Tell other readers what you thought about your book via Good Reads
- **Follow the Author:** Find the author on social media and leave a post or comment telling them about your experience with the text

For more information and reading suggestions, see the Barnstable Public Schools Website