Dear Students,

We are excited to inform you of a change to the summer reading program. In addition to the assigned summer reading novel for your grade, we are providing a school wide reading list generated by the Humanities teachers from which to choose your second book to read over the summer. The list includes fiction and non-fiction; classic and contemporary literature; magical realism and historical fiction. Both the grade allocated novel and the book of your choosing will be the first works you will write about in your English classes.

## Steps to a great adventure:

- 1. Read the list of books below and click on the Amazon links to see what the books are about.
- 2. Choose one that you will read over the summer.
- 3. Fill out your choice on the linked Google form below.
- 4. Read the book.
- 5. We encourage you to annotate, highlight and fill your book with your thoughts and observation.
- 6. Feel free to read more than one book.
- 7. Come to school in September ready to write and talk about the book you chose.
- 8. Participate in an in-school book club discussion with teachers and students who chose the same book as you.
- 9. Enjoy reading!

Please choose one or more works from this list:

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles <u>Amazon link</u> The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah <u>Amazon link</u> His Excellency: George Washington by Joseph J. Ellis <u>Amazon Link</u> Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northup <u>Amazon link</u> The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead <u>Amazon link</u> Exit West by Mohsin Hamid <u>Amazon link</u> Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue <u>Amazon link</u> Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck <u>Amazon link</u> The World to Come by Dara Horn <u>Amazon link</u> The Stranger by Albert Camus <u>Amazon link</u>

As some readers are sensitive to language and content, we are providing a link to this very helpful website. Just type in the name of the novel to check its rating. <u>Click here</u>

## Please fill out this form to indicate your choice:

Choose your own literary adventure

We can't wait to see you in September and to hear your ideas. The Humanities teachers