



Dear Incoming Sophomores,

In ninth grade English, we explored the notion of “identity”. As we read and analyzed different works of literature, we asked: What is identity? How do we form our identities? What internal and external factors contribute to this process of forming an identity?

In tenth grade English, we will take the concept of identity further while exploring the ways in which literature examines the self versus society. The summer reading work begins this exploration. Please read the novel *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare during the summer. We encourage you to annotate your copy with your insights and analyses so that you will be prepared to discuss it in class and write about it in September.

In addition to *The Girl with the Louding Voice*, we are providing a school wide reading list. Please read **one** book from the list of choices below. There are sixteen books from which to choose, so look through the whole list. You are sure to find something you will enjoy. The list includes fiction and non-fiction; classic and contemporary literature; magical realism and historical fiction. You will write about the book of your choosing in your English class and participate in an in-school book club discussion with teachers and students who chose the same book as you.

You can obtain these novels from Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other places where fine works of literature are sold. You may also find them on your eReader.

At Ma'ayanot you are introduced to a full range of literature that help illuminate the human condition and invite us to understand ourselves and others. In these selections there are also settings, cultures, behaviors, and language that do not always reflect the same values as our community. We are committed to having thoughtful and open discussions with our students about the ways our values differ from mass culture or the literature we read, and we encourage you to do so at home as well.

For the summer reading choices, you can explore the books' sensitive content by using this very helpful website. Just type in the name of the novel to check its rating. [Click here.](#)

Steps to choosing your book:

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 attached Google form.
4. Read the book.
5. We encourage you to annotate, highlight and fill your book with your thoughts and observations.
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!

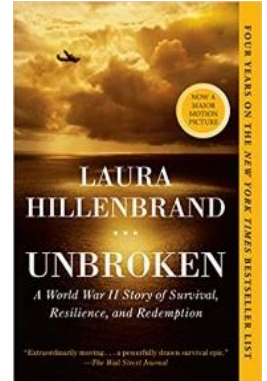
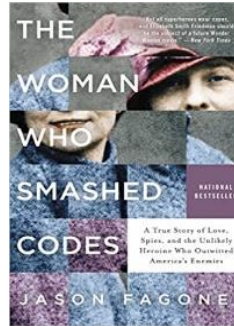
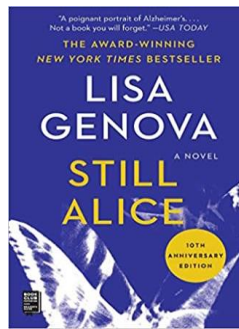
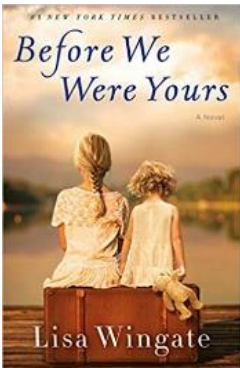
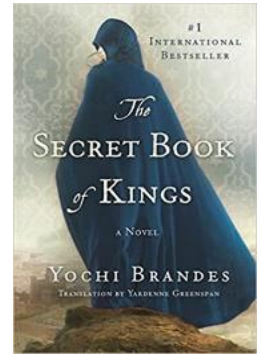
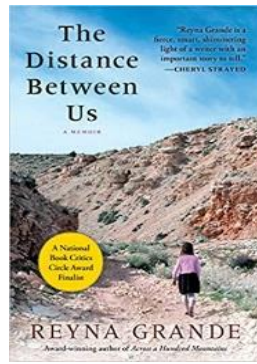
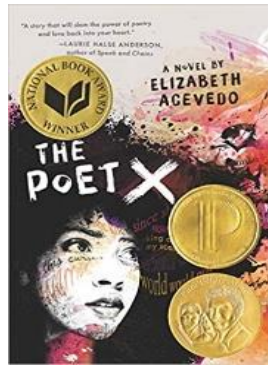
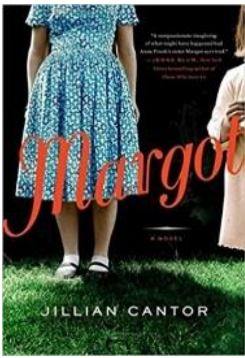
Please fill out this form to indicate your choice: [Click here](#)

We are looking forward to meeting you in person and exploring literature together.

Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

Ms. Kur and Mrs. Rapps

Please choose **one** work from the list below.



2021 Summer Reading Choice Novels
Click on the images to learn more about the books.

