## Dear Students,

We are delighted to send you off into summer with an extensive list of exciting books for your summer reading. Please read **one** book from the list of choices below. There are fifteen 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; and fantasy and historical fiction. When you return in September, 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.

## 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 <u>this</u> 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!

At Ma'ayanot you will be introduced to a full range of literature that helps illuminate the human condition and invites 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. <u>Click here.</u>

We are looking forward to seeing you in September and exploring literature together. Have a wonderful summer and happy reading!

## The English Teachers Please fill out this form to indicate your choice: <u>Click Here</u>

## <u>AP English</u>

In addition to the book from the list below, please read both of the following works in order to prepare for your AP class.

How to Read Literature Like a Professor, by Thomas C. Foster

The Dubliners by James Joyce

The following **assignment** will be due during the first week of school: Choose one short story from *The Dubliners* and write an essay in which you analyze your short story using methods from any three chapters from *How to Read Literature Like a Professor*.

