



WHEATON HIGH SCHOOL FRESHMEN SUMMER READING 2011

****All you need to do is select a book and read it; it's that easy! When you return in the fall you will have a discussion with other students and teachers who also read the book. You should think about the book and be prepared to give your opinion on it! ****

Maus: A Survivor's Tale, by Art Spiegelman

Mama's Girl, by Veronica Chambers

The Chocolate War, by Robert Cormier

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time, by Mark Haddon

Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card

If you are not sure of which book to choose, you have two options. You can come to school and pick up a brochure from the main office, or you may look up the books at the library, bookstore, or online. When you return in the fall, be prepared discuss the book with your classmates and a teacher.

Here are some suggestions to give you a concrete purpose for reading. These are a few of the basic "look-fors" that can help you as you read.

For a novel (a fictional work) here are some suggestions:

1. Identify the point of view of the book.
2. Summarize the plot line by chapter.
3. Describe the major characters and follow their development.
4. Follow the interactions between the characters of this book.
5. Identify the themes in this book.
6. Identify repeated patterns (ideas, symbols, use of figurative language, etc.)
7. Think about how the book relates to your life.

For a non-fiction book (a fact-based work such as a biography or instructional text) the elements to consider will depend on the book. Consider your book and the suggestions below to help you as you read.

1. Identify how the author compiled the information and from what sources (the author's own experience, research, etc.)
2. Identify the purpose of the book (to persuade, to inform, to entertain, to inspire, etc.)
3. Identify the main points of the book (life lessons, moral lessons, etc.)
4. Think about how the book relates to your life.

Enjoy your summer and enjoy your reading!