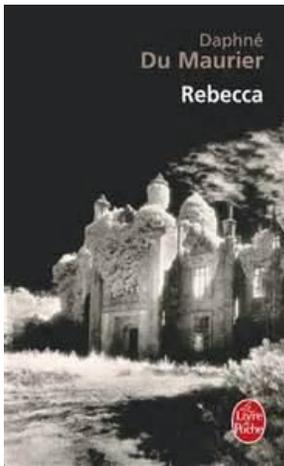


GISB Summer Reading for Incoming 9th Graders, 2019

Dear Students,

It has been a pleasure to work with you this year and to watch your growth, and we welcome new students who will be joining us from other schools and countries. We are a school of great readers and keeping this pastime up over the summer is an excellent way to support a love of reading, introduce students to new topics, genres and authors, and to provide a "reading-bridge" between June and August. Incoming 9th graders are required to read one book but should read as much as possible over the summer break. Browse the bookstore, websites, or the library!

Please read *Rebecca* by Daphne du Maurier for the first day of school. Bring your copy. We'll use this as our first text for discussion so please read closer to August than June so it is fresh in your mind. You'll be expected to know the plot, characters and major themes.



Overarching Question: What does it mean to alter someone else's reality?

The novel's nameless young narrator is perplexed by her volatile new husband, Maxim de Winter, the rich owner of the grand Cornish estate, Manderley. Maxim is the kind of charmer who proposes by snapping: "I'm asking you to marry me, you little fool." His first wife, the glorious but perhaps malevolent Rebecca, drowned in a sailing accident, but her spirit remains, infused in the masonry of Manderley and the seething glare of its housekeeper, Ms. Danvers.

Please try to buy the following edition so we can work together easily.

Rebecca, Daphne du Maurier ISBN-13: 978-0380730407

This year we'll continue to annotate a text: Underline or highlight character descriptions and vivid passages. Note patterns or connections within the book and to other books by writing notes in the margins. For example, are there any symbols that show up throughout the book? Maybe you read about a similar problem in another book you've read. You can use sticky notes to mark significant pages too. Try to think deeply and widely about the text.

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Incoming 9th graders, here are some other titles you might enjoy, but remember, the library is a great free resource and browsing the shelves of a bookstore is always nice on a hot day!

Nine Stories, J.D. Salinger
The Bridge of San Luis Rey, Thornton Wilder
You Know Me Al, Ring Lardner
The Life of Pi, Yann Martel
The Sword in the Stone - T.H.White
Ivanhoe - Sir Walter Scott
The Scarlet Pimpernel - Baroness Emmuska Orczy
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Louis Carol
The Bridge of San Luis Rey - Thornton Wilder
The Caine Mutiny - Herman Wouk
The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexandre Dumas
Kidnapped - Robert Louis Stevenson
Little Women - Louisa May Alcott
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn or Marjorie Morningstar - Betty Smith
Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls
White Fang - Jack London
War of the Worlds - H.G. Wells
The Age of Innocence - Edith Wharton
Dracula - Bram Stoker
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court- Mark Twain
The Hobbit - J.R.R. Tolkein
My Life and Hard Times, James Thurber
The Collected Stories, Katherine Mansfield
The Collected Stories, Eudora Welty
Kindred, Octavia E. Butler
Cat's Eye, Margaret Atwood
Go Tell it on the Mountain, James Baldwin
The Hobbit, J.R.R Tolkein

Have a great summer!