

Mr. Scopelleti's Summer Reading

For Incoming Honors Seniors

TEXTS

You must read ALL of the following texts before September 1st. See me before the end of the year to get a copy of each work. Otherwise, you will have to find your own copies.

- “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” a poem by T. S. Eliot
- *Going to Meet the Man*, a collection of short stories by James Baldwin
- *Up High in the Trees*, a novel by Kiara Brinkman (Full disclosure: The author is an old friend.)

TASKS

By the end of June:

1. Read “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.”
2. Summarize the poem in two paragraphs. What happens? What is it about? What is its tone?
3. Critique the poem in one paragraph. What did you like? What did you dislike? Be detailed, citing specific lines.
4. Email your responses to me.
5. Respond to the follow-up questions I send you.

By the end of July:

1. Read *Going to Meet the Man*.
2. Write one paragraph in which you answer this question: What connects these short stories? In other words, what is the common thread that runs through them all?
3. Write one paragraph in which you explain which short story was your favorite. Why do you feel that way? Use specific quotations from that story.
4. Email your responses to me.
5. Respond to the follow-up questions I send you.

By the end of August:

1. Read *Up High in the Trees*.
2. Write two paragraphs in which you answer this question: How does the author structure this novel? Why does she do so?
3. Write one paragraph in which you answer this question: Is the main character a realistic depiction of a child on the autism spectrum? Why or why not? Use specific quotations from the book.
4. Email your responses to me.
5. Respond to the follow-up questions I send you.

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Enjoy!