



La Salle Academy

Summer Reading Assignment 2022

June 2022

Dear Members of La Salle School Community:

Each year we distribute a summer reading list for students entering grades 9-12 at La Salle. For 2022, to continue aligning summer reading with expectations of the New York State Learning Standards and La Salle's Standard of Excellence, La Salle requires that students read the 4 books from the attached list. We call these titles "prerequisite" books; students are expected to read, prior to the start of school in September. These readings will be included in class discussions throughout the year and will be used in the end of the year reports and assessments. A reference book on writing which will be used throughout the year is also included on the required lists.

The school community at La Salle also would like to continue to engage each other in the conversation of racial injustice and oppression. All students will be required to read *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. Throughout the year, La Salle faculty will create opportunities for student and staff reflection with this reading. We hope to include families in that discussion, and we invite you to engage in the reading as well. Not only do we constantly work to ensure our curriculum aligns with New York State for our students but also include the current world so their diverse voices can always have an opportunity to be heard.

Students must join the Google Classroom for their respective grade level (see link below), read the assigned books, answer questions on Actively Learn, and/or complete essays for the books listed.

In addition, a submission on the *New York Times* website is required every week. Please see the instructions attached.

We also strongly urge students to develop the habits of good readers and to include reading as part of their academic and leisure activities. To assist in this endeavor, we have included a supplemental suggested reading list by subject area.

Thanks to our parents for supporting the summer reading program.

Sincerely,

Patricia Toney
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Incoming Freshmen – Grade 9

***Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates**

Global Studies – *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

Living Environment – *Hot Zone* by Richard Preston

English – *All American Boys* by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds

(All books are available on Actively Learn)

***Elements of Style* (Fourth Edition)**

New York Times Summer Reading Contest:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/24/learning/our-13th-annual-summer-reading-contest.html>

Google Classroom log-in information:

Class link: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTMyOTcxOTEzNzc4?cjc=s4f67gf>

Class Code: s4f67gf