

# Coral Gables Senior High School

## Incoming 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List

### 2021-2022



**General English IV & Honors English IV** - choose 2 books from the following list.

- ◎ Dreaming in Cuban – Cristina Garcia (Magical Realism – Fiction) - Here is the dreamy and bittersweet story of a family divided by politics and geography by the Cuban revolution.
- ◎ Feed - M. T. Anderson (science fiction) - This brilliantly ironic satire is set in a future world where television and computers are connected directly into people's brains when they are babies. The result is a chillingly recognizable consumer society where empty-headed kids are driven by fashion and shopping and the avid pursuit of silly entertainment.
- ◎ A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier – Ishmael Beah (Autobiography) - Children have become soldiers of choice. In the more than fifty conflicts going on worldwide, it is estimated that there are some 300,000 child soldiers. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them.
- ◎ The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates – Wes Moore (Autobiography) - Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence?
- ◎ Same Kind of Different as Me – Ron Hall and Denver Moore (Autobiography) - A dangerous, homeless drifter who grew up picking cotton in virtual slavery. An upscale art dealer accustomed to the world of Armani and Chanel. A gutsy woman with a stubborn dream. A story so incredible no novelist would dare dream it.
- ◎ Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt - A Memoir is a 1996 memoir by the Irish-American author Frank McCourt, with various anecdotes and stories of his childhood. It details his very early childhood in Brooklyn, New York, but focuses primarily on his life in Limerick, Ireland.
- ◎ Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe - Things Fall Apart is a novel written by Nigerian author Chinua Achebe. Published in 1958, its story chronicles pre-colonial life in the south-eastern part of Nigeria and the arrival of the Europeans during the late nineteenth century.

**Dual Enrollment (DE) English** – 3 books total – One book (Florida) is required, the second book should be from the list below, and the third can be from any 12<sup>th</sup> grade list.

- ◎ \*Florida – Lauren Groff (**required**)
- ◎ The Road – Cormac McCarthy (Pulitzer Prize – Fiction)
- ◎ The Night Circus – Erin Morgenstern (2012 Alex Award – Fiction)
- ◎ The Alchemist – Paulo Coelho (Fiction)
- ◎ Chronicle of a Death Foretold – Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Fiction)

**IB Summer List:** – One book & annotation assignment + One film & assignment

- ◎ The Round House by Louise Erdrich – (IB Exam requirement)
- ◎ Parasite by Bong Joon-ho (film – IB Exam requirement)

– Please see the annotation assignment for both novels listed on the following page.

## **12<sup>th</sup> grade IB Summer Reading Requirements**

Discussed below are the two works and their associated assignments that you are **to complete over the summer** and to submit during the first week of school in the 2021-2022 academic year.

A few key points:

- Complete all assignments according to the criteria below before the first day of class. **No late assignments will be accepted.**
- Expect an assessment on the first day of class. Please do not rely on available on-line plot summaries as teachers will review them prior to the assessment.
- Bring your annotated books with you the first week of class. Your annotations will be assessed and/or collected and within the first week of school.
- Annotations can be directly hand-written in the books or on sticky notes. If you are using library books or a PDF version, you must have hand-written annotations/quotes with associated page/chapter numbers.

### **Work 1 – The Round House:**

- The Round House by Louise Erdrich
- Background: Native American reservation, 1988 North Dakota

Annotation Requirements for The Round House: **Be sure to color-code or create a legend** for your annotations specifying what the annotations represent or they will not be graded.

- Plot: at least five pivotal events – the ones that best support the novel's theme.
- Setting: Five or more entries that show the significance of the setting to the theme.
- Symbols: identify at least three symbols and any recurrences of symbols.
- Characterization: at least five entries for each of the following characters: Joe, Geraldine, Bazil, Linda, Cappy, one more character of choice. Entries should show a development of character.
- Themes: 3-5 entries minimum showing the overall theme of the novel.
- Style: 3-5 entries total for diction, figures of speech, use of dialogue, point-of-view, character development, author's tone.

### **Work 2 – Parasite by Bong Joon-ho (Rated R):**

The IB English Language & Literature course includes a focus on the analysis of non-literary works. The analysis of film helps us understand the stylistic and structural features that directors use to communicate through sound and moving image.

- You are to watch the film as you complete the guide linked here:  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HDex\\_NgEi42adOkg4L7YoF-26e9Cw9KBYl3LFF-w2MA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HDex_NgEi42adOkg4L7YoF-26e9Cw9KBYl3LFF-w2MA/edit?usp=sharing)
- The film can be found on Hulu, can be rented or purchased through YouTube or other online sources. Please be aware that we will watch and discuss the film later in the year, so it may be more economical to purchase the film. Any questions or issues with watching or purchasing the film should be directed to either Mrs. Melissa Gonzalez or Ms. Brigitte Kinney through email with ample time.