

GREEN MEADOW HIGH SCHOOL 9th Grade SUMMER READING 2023-24

"One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by."
Jeanette Walls

On the first day of school, you will need to submit a list of the **three (3)** books you read and your organized notes page for the required reading: *Balsac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, by Dai Sijie and Ina Rilke.

Remember to read **three** books this summer: 1) *Balsac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, by Dai Sijie and Ina Rilke 2) one book from this list, 3) and one quality book of your choice.

As you read your books, keep in mind that you will be asked to write and speak about the books in the fall. Because of this, you would be wise to purchase *Balsac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* and the books you choose in order to use them in September. Savor your summer *and* the reading! These lists will also be posted on www.gmws.org under **Information for/students/Summer Reading Lists**.

The Glass Castle (memoir)

J. Walls

Walls tells the story of her upbringing in a very difficult family situation which is a trial but also builds resilience.

The Killer Angels (novel)

M. Shaara

This is a historical novel about the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War.

Dear Martin (novel)

N. Stone

Justyce attends a predominantly white prep school on scholarship. One day he is mistreated by a white police officer. This leads Justyce down a path of soul searching- how can one live as a black man in a world dominated by white people?

The Crucible (play)

A. Miller

The play involves the puritan leaders of Salem, Massachusetts, who follow the lead of a group of teenage girls.

Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl (biography)

H. Jacobs

Jacobs, a fugitive from her previous enslavement, tells the story of her life.

Wuthering Heights (novel)

E. Bronte

This is a gothic romantic novel about the complex relationship of two wealthy families living on the moors of West Yorkshire.

Seven Years in Tibet (travel memoir)

H. Harrer

Harrer tells the true story of his adventures in Tibet during the Second World War. He is imprisoned, escapes, and lives in Tibet where he becomes the friend of the Dalai Lama- an incredible true adventure story.

I am Malala (memoir)

C. Lamb and M. Yousafzai

As a teenager, Malala was vocal about her belief that girls deserve an education in Pakistan. Because of this, she nearly lost her life.

The Diary of Anne Frank (diary)

A. Frank

In hiding from the Nazis, Anne Frank kept a diary recounting the events of her life.

Your Name _____

List the title and author of the two books you read in addition to *Balsac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*.

1) _____

2) _____

ORGANIZED NOTE-TAKING

Balsac and the Little Chinese Seamstress, by Dai Sijie

Please take notes carefully on this page. It will be collected on the first day of class. Also, in your book, highlight or underline passages you think might be important. You will be asked to find quotations in class, and this will help.

1) Where does the story take place?

2) When does the story take place and what is happening in society?

3) Name 5 main characters, and write three carefully-chosen description words (adjectives) for each one:

1. Character name and brief description: _____

Adjectives: _____

2. Character name and brief description: _____

Adjectives: _____

3. Character name and brief description: _____

Adjectives: _____

4. Character name and brief description: _____

Adjectives: _____

5. Character name and brief description: _____

Adjectives: _____

4) Collect quotations that describe or express the experience of three of these characters, and record them here. Provide the page number in parenthesis ().

1. Character name: _____

Quotation and page number: “

2. Character name: _____

Quotation and page number: “

3. Character name: _____

Quotation and page number: “

4. Name one idea described in story you agree with and say why.

5. Name one idea in the story you disagree with and say why.