

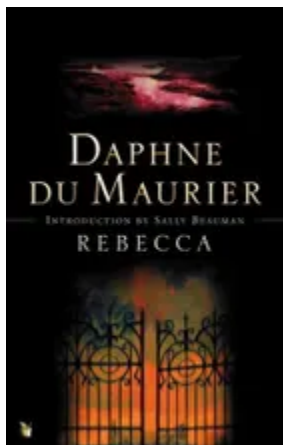
## GISB Summer Reading for Incoming 9th Graders , 2023

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Dear Students,

It has been a pleasure to work with you this year and to watch your growth. 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, explore new topics, genres and authors, and 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. (You can buy any copy you like.)



*Rebecca* is a 1938 Gothic novel written by English author, Daphne du Maurier. The novel depicts an unnamed young woman who impetuously marries a wealthy widower, before discovering that both he and his household are haunted by the memory of his late first wife, the title character.

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

**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 other books by writing notes in the margins. For example, are there any symbols that show up throughout the book? Why is that dog always around at certain times? Does the weather change at significant times? Or maybe you read about a similar problem in another book? You can use sticky notes to mark significant pages too. Try to think deeply and widely about the text.

Incoming 9th graders, here is a link to a list of contemporary texts as well as some other more classic 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! I'd suggest looking over the lists with an adult or friend to share input as well as reading summaries of titles that interest you.

link:

**<https://www.teachingexpertise.com/classroom-ideas/9th-grade-books/>**

*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*

*A Few Red Drops, Claire Hartfield*

*The Sword in the Stone - T.H. White*

*Ivanhoe - Sir Walter Scott*

*Langston Hughes, S. L. Berry*

*The Scarlet Pimpernel - Baroness Emmuska Orczy*

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Louis Carol*

*The Bridge of San Luis Rey - Thornton Wilder*

*The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas*

*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*

*For Everyone, Jason Reynolds*

*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* - Betty Smith

*Where the Red Fern Grows* - Wilson Rawls

*The Age of Innocence* - Edith Wharton

*A Tale of Two Cities* - Charles Dickens

*Dracula* - Bram Stoker

*The Girl from the Tar Paper School*, Teri Kanefield

*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*- Mark Twain *The Hobbit* - J.R.R. Tolkein

*A Wreath for Emmett Till*, Marilyn Nelson

*My Life and Hard Times*, James Thurber

*The Collected Stories*, Katherine Mansfield

*The Collected Stories*, Eudora Welty

*Kindred*, Octavia E. Butler

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*, James Baldwin

*The Hobbit*, J.R.R Tolkein

Have a great summer!