

**ELA 1-2 Pre-IB / Honors
Summer Assignment
2021**

Dear Future Freshman:

Welcome to the BGHS *Pre-IB / Honors Language Arts* program. You are about to embark on an exciting journey in which your parents and teachers provide support, but the ultimate accomplishments are yours. The BGHS Language Arts Department requires summer reading assignments for all the advanced levels. We will provide copies of all the novels **EXCEPT** for the summer reading, but you may want to purchase your own copies to annotate and study for tests. You may find the books at libraries, bookstores, or online. Again, welcome and congratulations!

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Follow the instructions on the back of this sheet for the book listed below:

McBride, James

The Color of Water: A powerful portrait of identity and coming of age; a poignant, beautifully-crafted tribute from a son to his mother.

During the year, you will also read and analyze pieces from the following list:

Albom, Mitch
Kingsolver, Barbara
Homer
Shakespeare

Tuesdays with Morrie
The Bean Trees
The Odyssey (Robert Fitzgerald translation)
Romeo and Juliet (No Fear Shakespeare version)

Finally, we want you to know that this class is a learning process; you will not be expected to do everything, perfectly, on the first day of school. We will help and guide you through the school year.

We are eager to meet you and work with you.

You may visit the B.G.H.S. web page at <http://bghs.dvusd.org> or visit the district web site at www.dvusd.org. This site links to IB.

Looking forward to seeing you,

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Tasks to be Completed	Resources
1. Read the entirety of the novel. Take notes on characters, conflicts, and themes as you read.	Feel free to utilize sticky notes, graphic organizers, and/or notes to document these literary elements.
2. Connect the novel to two themes. Write theme statements. Remember themes: a) have significance on a wide/large scale. b) are not just one word / phrase, but a philosophical stance. c) impact is felt in everyday local contexts.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5mfJoRkruU
3. Write a well-developed SOAPSTone (QR code) paragraph focusing on the author's theme and supporting your thesis with any details necessary from the novel. This will be used as the starting point for an in-class essay.	