

**Pre-IB / Honors Language Arts 3-4H
Summer Assignment
2021**

Dear Students:

Welcome to the BGHS *Honors Language Arts* program. You are on a very 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 of the advanced levels. We will provide copies of all the novels **EXCEPT** for the summer reading, but you may want your own copies of the other novels to take notes in and keep for tests. You may find the books at libraries, bookstores, or online.

Sophomore Summer Assignment

Read and complete the assignment on page 2 for:

Ishmael Beah ***A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*** *What is war like through the eyes of a child soldier? How does one become a killer? How does one stop? Beah tells a riveting story: how at the age of 12, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By 13, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts.*

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

Conrad
Shakespeare
Zamyatin

Heart of Darkness
Macbeth
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This class is a learning process that builds upon the reading, writing, analysis and vocabulary skills you developed freshman year. We are eager to meet and work with you this coming year.

You can reach us through email or you may also visit the BGHS web page at <https://bghs.dvUSD.org> or visit the district web site at www.dvUSD.org. Feel free to email us with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Tasks to be Completed	Resources
<p>1. Read the entirety of the novel. Take notes on character development, motifs, and themes as you read.</p>	<p>Feel free to utilize sticky notes, graphic organizers, and/or notes to document these literary elements.</p>
<p>2. Connect the novel to a Global Issue. Keep track of quotes/phrases/excerpts that show a direct link between the text and one or more of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. (Follow link or use QR code.)</p> <p>Global Issues incorporate the following three properties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) It has significance on a wide/large scale. b) It is transnational. c) Its impact is felt in everyday local contexts. 	
<p>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.</p>	