***Ferris English Summer Reading Requirements***

Welcome to Ferris English! Your assignments are clearly listed below. Please read and follow the instructions accordingly. Do not hesitate to email us with any questions if you have consulted the directions, re-read them, and still have confusion.

***JUST* READ A BOOK!**

**Complete the following tasks and email to Mr. Becker by August 22nd!**

**Email Specifics**

1. **Your emails need to be professional emails that follow standard writing conventions**. This means they follow formal grammar rules and are written as if you are writing to your “boss at work.” Preferably send this from your Armadanow.net email address.
2. When you send an email, Mr. Becker’s email address is [mbecker@armadaschools.org](mailto:mbecker@armadaschools.org)
3. **The first email you will send is due** **within one week after school ends** for the summer on **JUNE 10th.** In this email, simply tell me about the book you chose (title, author, genre, page length, etc.) and a brief explanation to why you chose that book. Consult the “Steps for picking a book” below.
4. **The second email you will send is due by August 20th**. Send an email that discusses the book you are reading. Possible things to discuss are specified below.
5. In your second email, **do not just summarize what you read**. Instead, tell your teachers some thoughts you had while you read in a couple paragraphs (this does not have to be massive). Here are some suggestions (you are not required to respond to all of these):
   1. What predictions did you make while reading, and how did they come true or not come true?
   2. What confusing words did you find, and how did you figure them out?
   3. What quotes from the book struck you as particularly interesting and why?
   4. What is the theme of a book you finished, and how do you know?
   5. How is the book you are reading similar to, or different than, other books you have read? Does it connect to movies or TV shows you may have watched?
   6. What inferences did you make while you were reading?
   7. Did you find any literary devices while you were reading? Were there symbols or similes or any other author’s craft tricks?

**Books Specifics**

1. Please feel free to read any book from any genre that your parents or guardians approve of: fictional narratives, memoirs, biographies, etc.
2. Squirreled Away Books often gives students discounts for summer reading and can order any book you would like.
3. Below are some thoughts that might help you choose which books to read.

**Steps to picking a book that you will enjoy**

1. Visit <https://apps.npr.org/best-books/#view=covers&year=2020> or <http://www.goodreads.com> for a list of highly recommended books that you can explore per year of recent release, style, similar books to ones you enjoy, etc.
2. Visit a bookstore to find books that might interest you. At the bookstore, try the following strategies…
   1. Consider the kinds of movies you like. Find a bookstore employee. Tell him/her your preferences and he/she can help you.
   2. Visit the displays in the book store. Book store employees put a lot of time and effort into making books that you will probably find appealing.
3. When you find a book that you might like, follow these suggestions to help ensure your reading enjoyment.
   1. Read the inside cover for a preview of the book. This is usually a quick, spoiler-free summary of the book and should give you a good idea of whether or not you will enjoy it.
   2. Ask a friend or teacher or librarian or bookstore employee about the book.
   3. Read a few pages from the middle of the book. Did you find the language too challenging? Do you enjoy the author’s writing style? Does the mix of dialogue and description match up to your preference?
   4. Search for the title at amazon.com by specifically searching for the “Kindle Preview” of your book. Be sure to click on the “read more” blue text at the bottom of the preview to read about two paragraphs that make the gist of the book clear.
   5. Read at least the first 25 pages of the book. If you don’t like it, find a new book using the strategies you just learned.

**Step by Step reminders and checklist for your project:**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Research and choose a book to read. Make it a goal to choose a book by June 10th…and aim to physically acquire book before roughly June 20th.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Send an email to Mr. Becker by June 10th to tell him what book you’ve chosen

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Read chosen book. Take some notes on things you will email Mr. Becker about. Finish book by August 20th

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email Mr. Becker about your book by August 20th.