

# Summer Reading

## 2017

Chers parents, votre enfant est inscrit dans la section internationale en 4°.

Pour faciliter son intégration et le préparer aux exigences attendues en classe internationale nous vous communiquons une liste de lecture aux choix : minimum deux livres + réponse aux questions. L'enseignant vérifiera le travail à la rentrée.

Bonne lecture !

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Dear International Section Student,

We are happy to bring you the 2017 Summer Reading information. These books have been chosen with you in mind. During the summer, **we expect you to read books on your own**, without an English teacher to guide you or classmates to influence your reflections. It is very important for you to read as much as you can during your free time. Not only will it help you navigate the challenging program next year, it will help you to think critically about your own life, the lives of others and, we hope, in the end, it will make you a more informed, thoughtful and well-rounded citizen. It is hard to read as much as you should or would wish to during the busy school year. Summer vacation is the time to read and read and read.

**Great readers become great thinkers.**

Some of the books on each of the lists are very challenging; others are not. You should try to read both kinds this summer. After you have read the required books (one for each level), you should feel free to read any of the books from any of the lists. There is no shame in reading from grade levels you have long since left behind; perhaps even more exciting is to stretch a bit to see what you can handle on your own from the lists for older grades. Both paths are rewarding for different reasons.

**You will be tested** on the books that you read this summer during your first week back in school in September, so **make notes in them and look them over before the rentrée.**

Happy reading!

Martin Chatagnon

## 4EME international

Students in this section must be **motivated**. They must be willing to **work hard**, and they must **enjoy** reading, writing, and speaking in English.

(Before selecting a book, use the Internet to look up what each book is about to find one that interests you!)

### TIPS FOR READING:

- Do NOT look up every single word you do not know in the dictionary. You will become too overwhelmed. Read first for basic understanding, and mark down (underline, mark the page) the words you don't know. Try to guess the meanings of the words based on the context, and if you can't MOVE ON. When you have finished a chapter, go back and look up a few of the words you marked (not ALL of them!).
- DO NOT watch a movie version of the book. I repeat, DO NOT. If you are having trouble understanding, look up a summary of the book to give you an idea of what you are looking at, but do not rely on the internet/films to understand. If YOU do not do the work to understand, there is no way you will improve your English.

### **Bauer, Joan. Stand Tall.**

Tree, a six-foot-three-inch twelve-year-old, copes with his parents' recent divorce and his failure as an athlete by helping his grandfather, a Vietnam vet and recent amputee, and Sophie, a new girl at school.

### **Bruchac, Joseph. A Hero's Tale.**

After falling in love with an Abenaki Indian woman, a white great horned owl named Wabi transforms into a human being and has several trials and adventures while learning to adapt to his new life.

### **Collins, Suzanne. The Hunger Games.**

In a future North America, where the rulers of Panem maintain control through a televised survival competition pitting young people against one another, Katniss's skills are put to the test when she takes her younger sister's place.

### **Brashares, Ann. The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants.**

Four best girlfriends spend the biggest summer of their lives enchanted by a magical pair of pants.

### **Carson Levine, Gail. Ella Enchanted.**

Since her birth, Ella of Frel has been the unfortunate recipient of an addled fairy's gift--the "gift" of obedience. But spunky Ella does not tamely accept her fate and embarks on a quest to break this curse once and for all.

### **Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963**

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

### **Dowd, Siobhan. The London Eye Mystery.**

Ted and Kat watched their cousin Salim board the London Eye. But after half an hour it landed and everyone trooped off--except Salim. Where could he have gone? How on earth could he have disappeared into thin air? Ted and his older sister, K.

### **Gaiman, Neil. Coraline.**

Looking for excitement, Coraline ventures through a mysterious door into a world that is similar, yet disturbingly different from her own, where she must challenge a gruesome entity in order to save herself, her parents, and the souls of three others.

### **Juster, Norton. The Phantom Tollbooth.**

Milo, a young boy with little interest in anything, takes a trip through the Phantom Tollbooth to the Lands Beyond where he meets an enchanting cast of characters that teaches him the importance of words, numbers, ideas, creativity, and enthusiasm for life.

### **Snicket, Lemony. The Bad Beginning.**

After the sudden death of their parents, the three Baudelaire children must depend on each other and their wits when it turns out that their guardian is determined to use any means necessary to get their fortune.

## EVALUATION:

The sheet below needs to be completed for each book you read.

SUMMER READING

NAME:

CLASS:

TITLE (underlined):

AUTHOR:

SETTING (time and place of action):

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NAMES OF MAJOR CHARACTERS:

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CATEGORY (fiction or non-fiction): \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF BOOK (mystery / romance / adventure / biography / science-fiction): \_\_\_\_\_

MEMORABLE LINE OR SENTENCE (and chapter or page where this can be found):

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REASON FOR CHOOSING THIS LINE:

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EXPLAIN WHAT YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE BOOK:

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EXPLAIN WHAT YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT THE BOOK:

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