

Rising 10th Grade Summer Assignment 2022

“People Make Choices... Choices Make History”

The world we live in today was created by the choices people made. This summer, in preparation for 10th Grade Humanities, we are asking you to think about the choices *others* made as you also consider how the choices *you* make in your own life affect your own personal world, as well as the world around you.

Due Date For Summer Assignment: **Thursday, September 15, 2022**

*We recommend you start as soon as possible—do not put this off until the end of the summer.

*If you begin your book and realize it is not a right fit for you, you can always stop reading and choose another book. This is why it is a good idea to start early.

Task 1: Choose and Read a Summer Reading Book

The books below relate to the theme of ‘Choices’ that this summer assignment centers around. You are required to read **one** of the following books (all available at the NYC public library):

YOUNG ADULT

- *Dear Haiti, Love Elaine* by Maika Moulite and Martiza Moulite (Young Adult/Romance/Caribbean Literature)
- *You Bring the Distant* by Mitali Perkins (Young Adult/Historical Fiction/Romance/Immigrant Experience/South Asian)
- *Darius the Great is Not Okay* by Adib Khoram (Young Adult/LGBTQ/Mental Health/Iranian)

HISTORICAL FICTION

- *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress* by Dai Sijie (Historical Fiction/Romance/East Asian)
- *Southland* by Nina Revoyr (Historical Fiction/Mystery/Race/LGBTQ/Japanese Internment)
- *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Historical Fiction/War/African)

- *The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz (Contemporary/Historical Fiction/Coming of Age/Latin Caribbean Literature)
- *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini (Historical Fiction/War/Middle Eastern Literature)

Task 2: Written Reflection on ‘Choices’

Reflect in writing (250-500 words) on the following:

- Two choices made by someone in the book you read for Task 1. How did that choice affect their life, or the life of others?
- When is someone’s choice limited? What are the factors? Think of a personal example OR an example from history. Is it similar to any obstacles in making choices in your novel selection? Explain.

General Guidelines for All Written/Typed Work:

- All typed work must be Times New Roman, Font size 12, double-spaced with one inch margins
- Must include a heading and a creative title
- Neatly assemble and staple individual assignments if more than one page
- Back up your work electronically and in hard copy. *Recommended methods for backing up work* include making extra copies and keeping them in separate locations; storing files on flash drives; saving to Google Docs; emailing files to yourself
- Proof-read and run all work through a spell check and grammar check before turning in the final copy. Use accurate writing conventions.