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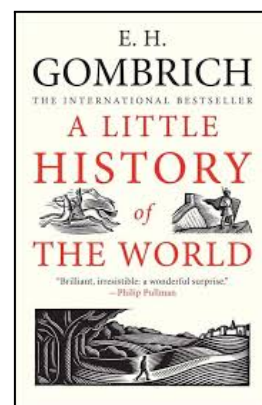
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Summer Reading for 9th Grade Combo English & Social Studies

Dear Future High School Student:

Summer is a wonderful time to read, reflect, and engage with literature and social studies while exploring new ideas and perspectives. Additionally, reading keeps our vocabulary, language usage, and understanding/analytical skills honed for the next school year. Take advantage of this relaxing time of the year to get acquainted with the work of Gombrich, which we will be studying in the next school year.



In preparation for the 9th grade Combo course, please purchase a copy of *A Little History of the World* by E. H. Gombrich. Read the entire book. While ebooks are fine, we discourage the use of PDFs.

WRITING PIECE ON A DOCUMENT (HARD COPY - PRINTED)

Choose 5 chapters that interest you / resonated with you / stood out to you the most! You will write a brief response entry for each of these chapters. Each entry must include the following:

1. Write the chapter number on top.
2. Provide a summary or gist of what the chapter is about (1-2 sentences).
3. Explain **why** this chapter interested you and made it to your top 10 (2-3 sentences).
4. Find **1 quote** from the chapter that particularly interested you (2 sentences). Include a citation of the quote (i.e. the page number of the quote in parenthesis).
5. Explain why this quote stands out to you and how it is significant for the main idea (theme) of this particular chapter (2 sentences).
6. Finally, choose, create or draw an image that represents the chapter symbolically and explain how this image represents the chapter (1-2 sentences).

We will be collecting the assignment at the beginning of the school year. It is expected that you have read the book by the first day of school, as the first unit of study will be based on the summer reading.

Have a great summer! Happy reading, and see you in the fall!

Warm regards,

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