



## UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS – PART 2

### GRADE 12

#### **SUMMER READING: PART TWO**

This summer, you have the opportunity to read two books: one from the school-wide list and one from this grade-level list. To complete the requirements for the grade-level list, **please select one book** from the two titles suggested for your grade as listed below.

**When you return to school the first week, you will be asked to write, in class, a response to a question regarding the reading.** The in-class response will be factored into the first term of your English assessments as a quiz grade.

While teachers will design their own questions for their classes, **here are some examples of the kinds of questions you might encounter:** 1) explain how a key moment in the book helps one character discover a significant truth about him or herself; 2) choose one symbol that appears several times in the book and discuss how its meaning develops with three examples, or 3) how did Needham or other people resist his findings?.

#### **Twelfth Grade**

*The Man Who Loved China* by Simon Winchester

This is the true story of Joseph Needham, an eccentric and brilliant British scientist, who falls in love with China and discovers its past. Set in the 1930s chaos of China it is a tale of history and science as Needham painstakingly uncovers China's reality as the progenitor of most of the world's most important technological discoveries. It has a smidgen of love affairs, but is most appealing to a reader who loves the nitty gritty of history and science.

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

If you love books and you haven't read this one yet, you're missing something in your repertoire. Combining elements of romance, self-determination, interesting characters, and a strong plot, this arguably serves as the standard by which nineteenth-century novels should be judged.