



# Memoir



*"Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show."  
- Charles Dickens*



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Dear Class of 2021:

We are pleased to welcome you to Senior English. It is a course designed to solidify the skills you have gained in reading works of fiction and non-fiction. The goal is to foster independence and critical thinking when you read—whatever you read. The printed word is powerful. All too often, people believe what they read simply because it appeared in print in the newspaper or online. This course is meant to teach you to be thoughtful, weigh the evidence, analyze, and then come to your own conclusion. Throughout the year, your teachers will be encouraging you to read frequently and widely and reflect upon your reading.

We know summer is a time for you to relax, recharge and enjoy your hard-earned vacation, but we also want you to use your time productively. Therefore, we are requiring you to read **TWO** memoirs of your choice from the [The New York Times bestseller list](#). During your first week back at school, your English teacher will be assigning an in-class writing assignment on your memoirs -so be prepared and have the books!

Students need not like or agree with everything they read. Sometimes a book that provokes dissent is as stimulating as a book that echoes our own thoughts. Our hope is that your summer reading will engage your minds, stimulate thought, and help you to clarify and become more comfortable with your individual and unique perspectives on life. Best wishes for a healthy and productive summer.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bloom and Ms. Marcus