

Four Rivers Charter Public School Incoming 11th Grade SUMMER READING

Your summer reading includes one book for History and one book for English.

Modern World History

Mr. Wilson

This summer you are asked to read Part 1 of *Abina and the Important Men* by Trevor Getz and Liz Clark. The book can be signed out at the office at Four Rivers any time over the summer, Monday-Friday, from 8am to 4pm, prior to August 1. If you will be away and unable to pick up the book during this time please contact Mr. Wilson at awilson@fourriverscharter.org to arrange an alternate arrangement.

Abina is a graphic novel, or more accurately a graphic history. This means that it reads like a comic book, but deals with non-fictional historical content. The entire book is based on a single primary document, the transcript from Abina's court case. There is no written assignment over the summer beyond reading Part 1, but as you read you should consider the following questions:

- What is it that historians actually do?
- What can this story teach us about the human experience?
- How does the story contribute to our understanding of the world in which we live?

English

Mrs. Plath

For your English summer reading, read at least one new text from the list below. (Not something you've already read.) You're responsible for getting the text and having it when school begins. Borrowing a book from the library in July, reading and returning it, then having nothing but fond memories for September? Not helpful.

Each of these books is written in a specific historical time, or in the context of historical events. As you read, notice how the books portray their setting, which includes both location and time.

Achebe, Chinua - *Things Fall Apart*
Atwood, Margaret - *Alias Grace*
Baldwin, James - *Go Tell It on the Mountain*
Buck, Pearl - *The Good Earth*
Chevalier, Tracy - *Girl With A Pearl Earring*
Chopin, Kate - *The Awakening*
Clavell, James - *Shogun*
Cooper, James Fenimore - *The Last of the Mohicans*
Crane, Stephen - *The Red Badge of Courage*
Dickens, Charles - *A Tale of Two Cities*
Dreiser, Theodore - *An American Tragedy*
Dumas, Alexandre - *The Three Musketeers*
Ellison, Ralph - *Invisible Man*
Fitzgerald, F. Scott - *The Great Gatsby*
Golden, Arthur - *Memoirs of a Geisha*

Hemingway, Ernest - *A Farewell to Arms*
Hugo, Victor - *Les Miserables*
Mitchell, Margaret - *Gone With The Wind*
Orzcy, Baroness Emmuska - *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
Pasternak, Boris - *Doctor Zhivago*
Remarque, Erich Maria - *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Sinclair, Upton - *The Jungle*
Steinbeck, John - *The Grapes of Wrath*
Stowe, Harriet Beecher - *Uncle Tom's Cabin*
Vonnegut, Kurt Jr. - *Slaughterhouse-Five*
Walker, Alice - *The Color Purple*
Wright, Richard - *Native Son*
Zusak, Markus - *The Book Thief*