Purpose: In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become lifelong learners.

Summer Reading Assignment: Select a fiction novel of your choice. The book should be an appropriate length and reading level for your age/ability. The book should have chapters, and it should be a new book to you. Stop by your local library or Barnes and Nobles and select a book you would enjoy. If not, below are suggested book lists to explore:

- TCTELA High School Reading Lists
- Popular Fiction Novels
- Audiobook lists

As you read, please annotate your book (write notes) for important details and literary devices. If you cannot write in your book, please make notes for each chapter on separate notebook papers. The first quarter will focus on narration and review of important literary devices you learned last year.

Annotating is extremely important in high school because it helps you focus and keep track of details of the story. While you are reading, use one or more of these strategies below to mark the book and include your thoughts and questions. Please bring your novel and your annotations to class the first day of school. There will be many discussions and assignments for this novel throughout the first quarter.

Suggested annotations:
1. Underline important details (character, setting, conflicts, and figurative language)
2. Write marginal notes to ask questions and write opinions on:
   - Characters
   - Point of View
   - Conflicts
   - Connections to life or history

Suggested annotation strategies:
1. *Star any passages that are important, events or messages about life of humanity.
2. Circle/highlight words that are unfamiliar or make a list of them in the back of the book.
3. Put a question mark by areas that you were confused about or did not fully understand.

Assessment:
Make sure to finish your reading before school begins in the fall. An assessment of the novel will take place within the second week of school.