

Brooklyn Prospect Summer 2023 Assignments

For Rising 9th Graders

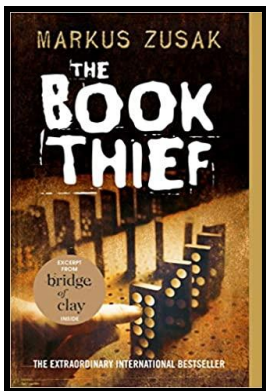
Dear Rising 9th Graders,

Hello from your 9th grade teachers! This summer, we hope that you engage in some engaging and interesting learning tasks. The summer is also a time when you should be exercising your brain like a muscle to prepare for the upcoming year. The following academic enrichment activities are designed to allow you to remain engaged and learning throughout the summer. These enrichment activities are and you will gain insight into some of the things you'll learn this fall while practicing the skills and knowledge you acquired in the past year. Below are your Summer Academic Enrichment assignments:

- For ELA, you will have to read **THE BOOK THIEF** by Marcus Zusak. You can access a PDF of the book using the link below. As you read, you'll be keeping track of your thoughts in this [Reader Response Journal](#). At the end of the Reader Response Journal packet, you'll be reading a short non-fiction text and completing a written assignment. Please submit the Reader Response Journal assignment in the 9th Grade Google Classroom (Class Code: **d6wbdpg**). The assignment is due by **September 15th, 2023 at 9:00 AM.**
- For Humanities, you will have to read several chapters of **WHEN ASIA WAS THE WORLD**. Here is the [link](#) to a PDF of the book and here is the [link to the audiobook](#). You also have the option of taking a physical copy of the book from your 8th grade teachers but that is not required. Using the PDF of the book or the audiobook is fine. Please access and complete YOUR COPY of the [assignment](#) that you will receive once you join the Global I Summer Reading Google Classroom Page: (Class Code: **tbvwtpe**). There is also a paper version of the assignment available on the Google Classroom Page. The assignment is due by **September 11th, 2023 at 9:00 AM.**

Happy Summer & Happy Reading!

Ms. Gallager (Librarian) & the 9th Grade Team



REQUIRED ELA BOOK:

THE BOOK THIEF

By Marcus Zusak

When Death has a story to tell, you listen.

It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. Full PDF of the book [here](#).

REQUIRED HUMANITIES BOOK:

WHEN ASIA WAS THE WORLD

Traveling Merchants, Scholars, Warriors, and Monks Who Created the "Riches of the East"

By Stewart Gordon

While European civilization stagnated in the "Dark Ages," Asia flourished as the wellspring of science, philosophy, and religion. Linked together by a web of spiritual, commercial, and intellectual connections, the distant regions of Asia's vast civilization, from Arabia to China, hummed with trade, international diplomacy, and the exchange of ideas. Stewart Gordon has fashioned a compelling and unique look at Asia from AD 700 to 1500—a time when Asia was the world-by relating the personal journeys of Asia's many travelers.

