



## 2022-2023 Summer Reading Assignments

### Common Read

*Soon to be a major film & TV franchise for Netflix and produced by Barack and Michelle Obama!!*

*A first meeting.*

*Long-time friends.*

*Bitter exes.*

*And maybe the beginning of something new.*

*When the lights go out, people reveal hidden truths. Love blossoms, friendship transforms, and new possibilities take flight.*

Unbearably hot temperatures in New York City cause a sudden blackout, simultaneously throwing plans into chaos and creating unexpected opportunities. Inspired by Covid-19 and the “metaphorical blackout” it has created, *Blackout* follows thirteen teenagers as sparks fly during a power outage, their stories are interwoven across one sweltering, starry night. Award-winning, acclaimed, and bestselling authors Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon celebrate young love in the big city. Working together to deliver a fantastic mix of humor and romance, these authors offer something fun and lighthearted that is welcome during the continuing pandemic and that will bring joy long after it’s over.

This summer, in addition to your summer reading books for Social Studies and English, the entire middle and upper school (including all of your teachers!) will read a common book. This year the book is ***Blackout*** by Dhonielle Clayton, Tiffany D. Jackson, Nic Stone, Angie Thomas, Ashley Woodfolk, and Nicola Yoon. We think this will be an enjoyable and thought-provoking book and we look forward to having discussions about it during the first few weeks of school. In order to facilitate the discussions, we ask that all students read the book and prepare **three discussion questions** (i.e. questions that do not have a simple yes/any answer) for the first day of school. Please be prepared to discuss the book, as you will be graded on your contributions to the discussion.

## **GHCDS Middle & Upper School Required Summer Reading**

Please see the following links to the grade-level reading(s) and assignments

### **Middle School Summer Reading**

#### **[Seventh & Eighth Grade Summer Reading 2022](#)**

### **Upper School English Summer Reading**

#### **9th Grade**

**[English 9 Summer Reading 2022-2023](#)**  
**(For GHCDS students entering the 9th grade)**  
**[9th Grade Summer Reading 2022-2023](#)**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**[World Literature Summer Reading 2022-2023](#)**  
**(For GHCDS students entering the 10th grade)**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**[America Literature Summer Reading 2022-2023](#)**  
**(For GHCDS students entering the 11th grade)**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**[Senior Summer Reading 2022-2023](#)**  
**(For GHCDS students entering the 12th grade)**