

NeoCity Academy Summer Reading for Incoming Sophomores



Our summer reading requirement is designed to enhance critical thinking skills, immerse us in diverse perspectives and experiences, fostering empathy and understanding, and provide an opportunity to maintain and strengthen literacy skills during the break.

For this assignment, choose **one** of the books listed below in any format preferred: audio, ebook, physical book. These books can be purchased or checked out from a local library.

- 1984 by George Orwell
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- Any title from the Florida Teen Reads list 2024-2025
 - (www.floridamediaed.org/florida-teens-read.html)

After reading, answer **one** of the questions below through an interactive method of your choice. It can be a presentation, multimedia model, movie, song, Minecraft world, video, physical model, or nearly anything else you can think of. It should be engaging hands-on, and fully answer the question using details, quotes, or themes in the novel of your choice. It should not be an essay or paragraph response. The final creation can be done digitally or physically. **Your interactive answer to the question will be turned in within the first two weeks of school in August. Be prepared to defend your answer.**

- How does conflict influence an individual's decisions and actions?
- How are people transformed through their relationships with others?
- How does the book explore themes of power and control?
- In what ways does the setting of the story contribute to its overall mood and atmosphere?
- Analyze the development of the protagonist throughout the novel. What challenges do they face, and how do they grow or change as a result?
- Discuss the role of symbolism in the story. How do certain symbols or motifs enrich the narrative?
- Explore the theme of identity and self-discovery in the book. How do characters grapple with questions of who they are and where they belong?
- Investigate the book's treatment of morality and ethical dilemmas. What choices do characters face, and how do they navigate right and wrong?
- Explore the concept of resilience and survival in the face of adversity. How do characters overcome challenges or persevere in difficult circumstances?
- Reflect on the book's impact and relevance in contemporary society. What insights or lessons can readers take away from the story, and how might it resonate with modern audiences?

I look forward to your creative insight!

~Ms. Keyes