

NeoCity Academy Summer Reading for Incoming Freshmen



Class of 2025 Member, welcome to NeoCity Academy! Before coming to campus in August, we would like you to read **one** of the following four books. You can get your book in any format or just check it out from a library:

- *Learning to Swear in America* by Katie Kennedy (ISBN: 978-1619639119)
- *Slated* by Teri Terry (ISBN: 978-0142425039)
- *Catcher in the Rye* by JD Salinger (ISBN: 978-7543321724)
- *Nyxia* by Scott Reintgen (ISBN: 978-0399556791)

As you read, think about the following questions and how the characters might respond to them. After reading, answer **one** of these questions 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. This may be something you struggle with, but we're curious about what you'll pull off. Consider any idea a great idea and bring your creativity to the forefront! The questions you can choose from are:

- What is family?
- What defines who a person is?
- What is the power of friendship?
- Why are humans able to quickly change parts of themselves?
- How can our choices influence how others see us?
- How can our choices influence how we understand ourselves?
- What is love?
- What choices do we make about our own identities?
- In what ways can the line between good and evil be blurred?
- How do you justify the idea that a person can be both good and evil at the same time?
- Who is considered a survivor? Why?
- What does it mean to be human?
- How can adolescents create their own paths in a world run by adults?

A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read.
- Mark Twain