Class of 2023 Summer Reading

Before coming to campus in August, we would like you to read **one** of the following titles:

The Great Gatsby **by F. Scott Fitzgerald**

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

The Storyteller's Secret by Carmine Gallo

Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Differently: a Biography by Karen Blumenthal

Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Shatter Me by Tahereh Mafi

As you read, think about the following questions and how the characters, speakers, or writers might respond to them. After reading, answer one of questions outlined below.

You can answer the question in any interactive medium you choose: presentation, journal entries, multimedia, movie, audio recording, Minecraft world - or anything else that you can think of. You answer should be engaging and fully answer the question using details, quotes or themes from your chosen text. You can create a product that is digital or physical and will be submitted during the first two weeks for Q1.

If you struggle with this - that is okay. We are curious to see what you can create. Consider any idea a great one and bring your creativity to the forefront!

Choose **One** of the Following Questions to Answer

What is the importance of civilization and what factors support or destroy its fabric?

Should people sacrifice freedom in the interest of security?

Are we governed/guided by fate, free will, a greater power, or do we fall somewhere on the spectrum between?

What are the attributes of heroism and how could they (the attributes) change?

Is there a difference between happiness and success?

What is the American Dream? Why is it significant?

How can we use story writing and storytelling to help solve everyday problems?

How does literature sometimes represent the best and worst of a society?

Why do we study and examine our past, present, and future?

Why do we sometimes oppress each other when we gain power?

How is our perception of good and evil shaped by our films, books, and video games?

If you could choose one rule for the entire world to adhere to, what would it be and why?