

Fredericksburg Academy
World Cultures
Summer Assignment 2018

Our summer reading philosophy at FA is simple: people who read continuously become better readers and writers. With this in mind, Upper School students will read a book in common and a book of their choice.

The Required Book:

Students should read and annotate selected essays from Michael Crichton's *Travels* (handout provided and also available here—https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B7XUHKFC_GLFNFdvaUdDb1FZTlk/view?usp=sharing). There is no assignment with this text but be prepared to discuss and complete assignments when you arrive the first day of class.

Your Book of Choice:

Read a book of your choice that is at least 175 pages; this book *may not* be required for another class. Write a reflection for this book. This essay should be a reaction to and interpretation of the book with minimal plot summary. This assignment will be graded for effort and will be your first assignment of the first semester.

If you wish to read an additional choice book and write an additional book reflection you may earn extra points.

NOTE

Do not purchase any curricular texts for World Cultures. Students will select our texts for study in the first week of school and purchase at that time.

Summer Reading Reflection Rubric

10/10—Essay is a critical, well-written, well-edited, well-organized reaction to the choice book with strong, well-described examples from the text but minimal plot synopsis.

9/10—Essay is a critical, edited, and organized reaction to the choice book with significant amounts of plot synopsis and/or needs stronger, more specific examples.

8/10—Essay is a reaction to the choice book with examples from the text but also has significant amounts of plot synopsis *or* is in need of editing.

7/10—Essay is a reaction to the choice book with examples from the text but also has significant amounts of plot synopsis *and* is in need of editing.

6/10—Essay is all plot synopsis.

5/10—Essay is mostly plot synopsis and requires significant editing.

4-0/10—Incomplete or incoherent.