

Summer Reading for Incoming Seniors
(This includes all students who will be seniors the fall of 2014.)

Select one of the following novels and read it:

- **Brave New World**, by Aldous Huxley (freely available online and in most book stores)
- **Obasan**, by Joy Kogawa (available in most book stores and in some libraries)

Reading your novel is very important. You will have several close reading assignments, essays, and assignments attached to each novel the first few weeks of school.

Also, you need to create two small theme posters for your selected novel.

Requirements for each poster:

- The size for each poster is 8.5" x 11".
- You are welcome to turn in either digital or hand-drawn posters.
- Use color.
- Include the title and author's name on each.
- Write one statement of theme for your selected novel on each—label it "Theme." (Don't use the same theme for each poster!)
- Include four short quotations from your novel that relate to that theme, making sure your quotations are from all parts of the book—not just from one chapter, for example.
- Correctly cite each quotation—in parentheses, after the quotation marks and before the period, give the page number. Example: "There are four simple ways for the observant to tell Mr. Croup and Mr. Vandemar apart" (p. 42).
- Include at least one image of a scene, image, or idea from the novel that relates to that theme.
- Write your name clearly in regular-size letters on the back of each; use a pencil so it will not bleed through.

Below are some statements of theme that you may use on your posters:

Obasan:

1. Silence can be both destructive and protective.
2. Those part of two cultures must sacrifice parts of both.
3. Loss is a part of who we are.
4. We all must deal with the truth of our past.

Brave New World:

1. When a society tries to make everyone the same, those who feel even a minimum of individuality inevitably become outcasts.
2. A society that opts for stability necessarily sacrifices individualism.
3. Totalitarian regimes thrive at great cost to the individual.
4. When death is treated as commonplace, life is devalued.
5. An economy based on consumerism is morally corrupt.

Due Date: September 2 and 3 (A Day and B Day), 2014