

Summer Reading Pre IB Freshmen English

Your first assignment as a pre IB freshman in English class is to read *The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College* by Jacques Steinberg, ISBN-13:9780142003084.

In a 2002 New York Times book review, Patricia M. McDonough writes, "Starting in fall 1999, Jacques Steinberg, a national education correspondent for The New York Times, spent eight months inside the admissions office of Wesleyan University, one of the most selective colleges in the United States. "The Gatekeepers" is his narrative account of one admissions officer, Ralph Figueroa, and six high school seniors in Wesleyan's applicant pool that year."

As you read, we are not asking for annotations. However, as a Pre-IB student filled with intellectual curiosity there are some questions we'd like you to keep in the forefront of your mind while reading:

- What is my post-secondary vision?
- How is this book relevant to me?
- How will I get involved at Robinson High School?

These former high school seniors allow Steinberg to tell their stories as they navigate the waters of the college admissions process. While this process is still seemingly far away, you are writing your story, beginning now.

You should have the book finished and be ready for a test by the first week of school. You will be doing a short writing for discussion as well as participating in a small-group college admissions presentation.

Pre IB 9th Grade English Book List

1. ***The Gatekeepers: Inside the Admissions Process of a Premier College*** by Jacques Steinberg ISBN-13:9780142003084 (SUMMER READING)
2. ***How to Read Literature Like a Professor*** Thomas C Foster ISBN-13:9780062301673
3. ***A Summer Life*** by Gary Soto ISBN-13:9780440210245
4. ***To Kill a Mockingbird*** by Harper Lee ISBN-13: 978-0060935467 *note: this particular edition may not be available at Barnes and Noble, but this particular edition has ample margins for annotations. If you cannot get this particular edition, please try to get an edition that has room in the margins for annotations. Some editions are better for this than others.
5. ***What is the What*** by Dave Eggers ISBN-13:9780307385901
6. ***Othello*** by William Shakespeare (Folger Shakespeare Library Series) ISBN-13: 9780743477550
7. ***Fast Food Nation*** by Eric Schlosser ISBN-13: 9780547750330

We will be reading other plays and poems. Anything else we read in class will be provided for students.

*These are the recommended editions of the books we will study in Pre IB 9th grade. We will be annotating, and participating in group annotation checks. Every student having the same edition makes these processes much simpler for students.