



Dear Students,

As you are beginning this summer, we are sure that your minds are on the many exciting adventures you will be having. We hope that reading will be a part of your summer fun. In order to get you in the right frame of mind for next year, we ask you to do some reading, thinking, and writing this summer. As we study history next year, we will learn about many amazing people and those who influenced them. We will also be talking about the people and events that influence our lives today.

To begin this process, you will need to do a few things. First, make a trip to the library or bookstore to find some life stories (biographies, autobiographies, and/or historical fiction) of important people in the twentieth century. Choose *two* people of interest whom you have not previously researched and about whom you know little so your learning will be expanded. Second, find at least one book to read about each of the people you pick. **(You will be reading and reporting on a total of two books.)** Third, follow the guidelines on the *Required Summer Reading List for Students in Grade Six* and keep that information for the start of the year. Your work over the summer will be the starting point for next year. Fourth, do some additional reading over the summer. A good goal would be to read from the *Suggested Summer Reading List for Students in Grades Five and Six*.

Autobiographies and biographies come in many different styles and reading levels. Sometimes you may have to search long and hard to find information on the people you choose, and other times it will be very easy. Take your list of people with you as you search. Ask for help from the librarian or bookseller. Look for biographies that fit your reading level and interests.

We hope you have an enjoyable and safe summer, and we look forward to getting to know all of you better when next year begins.

Sincerely,

Ms. Cotton and Ms. Benoit



Required Summer Reading List for Students in Grade Six 2010–2011

English: *And Then There Were None* aka *Ten Little Indians* Agatha Christie

LISS: For your required summer reading, you will need to visit your library or bookstore and look for **two** books (biography, autobiography, historical fiction). A list of people who lived in the twentieth century and lived lives of historical significance has been provided to get you started. You should pick **two different people** and **one book on each person**. You may also pick people not on this list. However, the person should have lived the majority of his or her life in the twentieth century. Pick people you have not studied before. As you are reading, you should do the following:

1. Write down the title, author, and the number of pages in the book.
2. If possible, make a copy of a picture of the person.
3. Write a one-paragraph history of the person. **(Do this for each book.)**
4. Write a paragraph describing at least one person or event that influenced this person. Give some examples to support your answer. **(Do this for each book.)**
5. Write a paragraph describing at least one person or event that has influenced you. Give some examples to support your answer. **(You only need to do this once.)**

Woodrow Wilson—president
Gertrude Ederle—swimmer
Amelia Earhardt—aviator
Henry Ford—inventor
Charles Lindbergh—aviator
Charlie Chaplin—actor
Langston Hughes—writer, poet
Zora Neale Hurston—writer
Duke Ellington—jazz musician
Marcus Garvey—civil rights fighter
Eleanor Roosevelt—first lady
Franklin Roosevelt—president
Herbert Hoover—president
Dorothea Lange—photographer
Mary McLeod Bethune—black educator
Ho Chi Minh—leader
Mao Ze Tung—leader
Winston Churchill—British leader
Douglas MacArthur—general
Joesph Stalin—Soviet leader
John F. Kennedy—president
Dwight D. Eisenhower—president
Lyndon B. Johnson—president
Martin Luther King Jr.—activist, civil rights
Malcolm X—activist, civil rights
Rosa Parks—activist, civil rights
Jackie Robinson—athlete
Mildred “Babe” Didrikson Zaharias—athlete
Cesar Chavez—activist, civil rights
Neil Armstrong—astronaut
Maya Angelou—writer
Thurgood Marshall—lawyer, Justice

Ronald Reagan—president
Mikhail Gorbachev—Russian leader
Jimmy Carter—president
Gerald Ford—president
Barbara Jordan—congresswoman
Bob Dylan—musician
Janis Joplin—musician
Robert Kennedy—politician
Billie Jean King—athlete
Margaret Bourke-White—photographer
Betty Friedan—activist, women’s rights
Marion Anderson—singer, civil rights
Robert Oppenheimer—scientist
Albert Einstein—scientist
Jeanette Rankin—congresswoman
Walt Disney—animator
Georgia O’Keefe—artist
F. Scott Fitzgerald—writer
Babe Ruth—athlete
Satchel Paige—athlete
Robert Goddard—scientist
John Steinbeck—writer
Joseph Stalin—Soviet leader
Ansel Adams—photographer
Jaime Escalante—teacher
Sally Ride—astronaut
Althea Gibson—tennis player
Arthur Ashe—tennis player
Tina Turner—musician
John Glenn—astronaut
Roberto Clemente—baseball player
Aretha Franklin—singer