

**Oakland Catholic High School**  
**Sophomore Summer Assignment - World Literature 10 CP**

As rising 10th grade students, we hope that you are growing as readers and finding books that you enjoy, both inside and outside school. Your teachers look forward to sharing some great works of literature with you next year. We encourage you to do some independent reading during the summer, visiting your local library and experimenting with different genres, from nonfiction to graphic novels, from memoir to poetry. Mostly, we want you to read every single day and to enjoy what you read. You will need to purchase your own copies of some books, as follows.

**1. “Shared” Book (to read this summer):**

*The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak (ISBN-13: 9780375842207)

This summer, we ask you to read one “shared” text that we will use as a starting point for your English class. Please bring your copy to school on the first day of class. We are not asking you to do any writing assignment yet, but you should read thoughtfully, annotate, and take notes so that you are ready for writing about *The Book Thief* as soon as you return to school.

**2. Books to Purchase for the School Year**

Please note: students will be required to purchase 2-3 additional books for use during the school year. At the beginning of the school year, each teacher will provide a list of books that we will cover in class between September and May. We will require our students to have **print** copies of these texts, with the idea that the print texts allow for undistracted, slow reading and re-reading, as well as consistent citation. When we study these texts in class, students will be expected to have their own copies with them each day. Inexpensive used copies of most of these books are easily available.