

## Required Summer Reading

### 12th grade Regular

- *The Prince* by Nicolo Machiavelli

### 12th grade Honors/AP Literature & Composition

- *The Prince* by Nicolo Machiavelli
- *Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

### **Summer Reading Required Journal Assignment**

Keep a summer reading journal: a full-sized, college-ruled, spiral, composition, or loose-leaf notebook. In it, you will record your impressions of these books and the thoughts and questions that they awaken - five entries for each book (or just one book if taking the regular class). Each entry should:

1. Be dated and titled (i.e. "Thoughts about gaining power from *The Prince*").
2. Be two paragraphs in length.
3. Explore something about the book that has captured your attention. Possible approaches include: writing about a particular passage or chapter that puzzles, moves, or upsets you; considering the significance or motivations of a character; connecting the reading to other books you've read, historical or current events, or your own life experiences. Feel free to write in first person.

You will submit this journal on the first day of classes, and it will count as the first assignment of the year. If you have any questions as you read, please email Mrs. Jacquot at [mjacquot@yeshiva.edu](mailto:mjacquot@yeshiva.edu).

Remember: "Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers."  
— **Steven Spielberg**