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## English I - Summer Assignment 2020-2021

### Required:

- Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom (ISBN# 9780767905923)

### Free Choices – Choose one or read all three if you're feeling ambitious:

- Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes (ISBN# 015603008X)
- My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult (ISBN# 0743454537)
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (ISBN# 0062498533)

### Directions for Summer Reading:

1. **Read the books.** This might seem obvious, but a lot of students try to get around this basic component of summer reading. Use a strategy such as creating a reading schedule/calendar to help you with your goal.
2. **Enjoy the experience.** Many students view reading as a chore, but it's meant to be an enjoyable and relaxing form of... dare I say... entertainment. You can read for pleasure. Reading is not a form of medieval torture.
3. **Show up to class with your books the first week of school.** Your first assignment will be an essay about your summer reading.
4. **The Assignment:** For each book you read this summer you're going to send **pretend** text messages to the author. You will "send" a text message every time you read. What should your texts say? Here are some suggestions:
  - Ask a question about what is happening in the book.
  - Share your opinion about the plot, setting, or characters.
  - Tell the author if you're making any personal connections to the text.
  - Be creative! Send the author a suggestion.

The text messages will be "sent" using an online platform: [www.goformative.com](http://www.goformative.com). Here are the instructions for how to join:

1. Go to [www.goformative.com/join](http://www.goformative.com/join)
2. **Enter the code:** 9GVWQX
3. Indicate that you are a student in the class and join using your Posnack student email (**you can use goformative.com on your computer or your phone!**)
4. You will see 2 assignments – one for each book. Click on an assignment to get started