



English 10B Summer Reading: 2016-2017

An integral part of the UNIS English and World Languages Department is our focus on the Independent Reading Program. We strive to emphasize free choice reading and discovering texts and books that interest, inspire and challenge your thinking. Upon returning in August you need to have completed the summer reading program as outlined below and be prepared to discuss this in class.

TASK 1: Read the following: [The House on Mango Street](#) - Sandra Cisneros

TASK 2:

Read another novel of your choice that reflects YOUR culture. This can be a story written about themes and issues relevant to your culture today. It can be in English or your Mother Tongue. Be ready to share this story with the class. You will give a 3-4 minute oral presentation on the book based on the plot, characters, themes and your overall evaluation of the book.

TASK 3: The following essential questions should be answered about **each** of the novels above:

1. Who is the protagonist of this novel? Identify him/her quickly and the role played in the novel. What motivates this central character's actions?
2. Summarize as briefly as possible the cultural aspects which occurs throughout the story. What relevance do they have to the story? What are the connections between culture and the events of the novel?
3. What is the most important mood created in the novel? What techniques does the writer use to create this mood?
4. What is the most interesting scene in the novel? How does it affect the way you understand the story?
5. What specific social problems does the author seem to regard as unsolved? What causes seem to be mainly responsible, and why?

Happy Reading!