

POPE JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL

10th Grade Summer Reading

No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.

- Confucius

God bless summer vacation! It is a much-needed break from the rigors of the academic schedule and a time to pursue personal interests more freely. It is also a wonderful opportunity to read books from a variety of disciplines. Enjoy your summer and be sure to read these books before the first day of school:

Biology: *Finding Darwin's God: A Scientist's Search for Common Ground Between God and Evolution*, Miller (978-0140444254)

World Lit: *Oedipus Rex*, Fagles (978-0-14-044425-4) – the second play of *The Three Theban Plays*
Honors: includes *Left to Tell*, Ilibagiza (978-0739474464) **OR** *First They Killed My Father*, Ung (978-0-06-085626-7)

Honors World History: *Bearing False Witness: Debunking Centuries of Anti-Catholic History*, Stark (978-1-59947-536-3)

Check out hpb.com or thriftbooks.com for affordable book. Students may keep journals through the summer to help them recall their thoughts about their reading. These journals may be useful in preparing for class discussions and assessment. If students read their books early in the summer, they may want to review before school begins.

Writing Assignments

Miller's Finding Darwin's God

Restate (in your own words) two of Miller's points for each of the 9 Chapters in "Finding Darwin's God" (in OneNote; **due the first full day of class**)

Sophocles' Oedipus the King

Annotate the pages of your play with specific interpretive comments. Be prepared to show that you closely interacted with the text while reading. Refer to the reading guide found on the Eagle Community page on Schoology. I encourage you to use the guide as you annotate your text. If you are using a book that you do not own, you can use post-it notes for your annotations.

Ilibagiza's Left to Tell OR First They Killed My Father

Write a 500-word reflection in response to the book. Avoid mere plot summary and focus instead on personal reactions and lessons learned.

Stark's Bearing False Witness

Write a 250-word response to each topic addressed in the book (10 in all). What were your preconceived notions about this topic? What surprised you? Did you feel compelled to do more research? What did you learn? Why do you think this misrepresentation of the Church has persisted throughout history? Don't skip the short introduction, it provides useful context to the rest of the book.