

## Rising 10th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Prior to the start of the 2019-2020 school year, all rising 10th graders are expected to complete the summer reading assignment explained below. Reading over the summer will provide you with an opportunity to challenge yourself as a student and a reader. Students who read independently are more successful in their English classes, so this is an opportunity for you to either develop a habit of independent reading or to further develop existing habits.

We will begin the year working with the summer books, so this reading will establish a foundation for the school year ahead. The texts on the list below were chosen because they are narrative non-fiction, which is a genre of emphasis, and because they exemplify core themes that you will be working with during the school year.

***All students, regardless of the class they are taking, need to read one of the books below.***

### The Books:

*I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai

*When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago

*The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston

*Yes, Chef: A Memoir* by Marcus Samuelsson

*One Day I Will Write About This Place: A Memoir* by Binyavanga Wainaina

### The Assignment:

As you read, you need to make annotations to track your thinking, paying attention to the following guiding questions:

- What is the writer's relationship with the culture or cultures around them?
  - "Culture" can be defined as the customs and normalized behaviors of a community or social group
- What culturally driven behaviors or actions are depicted in the book?
  - Use the SPEARS annotation chart to help you annotate
- What cultural values are depicted in the book?
  - A "value" is an idea, concept, or belief that a community thinks is important
- How do people learn what their culture values?

Students will be working with these books immediately upon their return to school, so they will need to bring a copy to school.

If you check it out from the public library or borrow a copy, make arrangements to check it back out or re-borrow it when school begins.