This semester will conclude with a reading seminar. A reading seminar is when a small group of people reads the same text and then meets to share their thoughts, opinions, and analysis. Each class meeting you will meet with your seminar group to discuss the text and complete activities (more on those activities later!).

Your seminar group and the text you choose to read are up to you. The requirements are that your group has between 2 and 6 people and has an equal number of boys and girls (if there are 3 in a group the numbers must be 2 and 1, and if there are 5 people the numbers must be 3 and 2). Additionally, I suggest you choose a text that you will enjoy reading.

IMPORTANT: The text you choose must receive approval from Mr. Balogh **AND** a parent/guardian. The following list of books has been pre-approved by Mr. Balogh and can be provided by the school. You are allowed to choose a book that is not on this list; however, if you do it will be your responsibility to obtain a copy. **If you do not receive approval you will not receive credit for this unit!**

**Non-Fiction:**

*Black Boy*, Richard Wright

*An American Childhood*, Annie Dillard

*Tuesdays with Morrie,*Mitch Albom

*Hiroshima,* John Hersey

*Freedom Writers Diary,* The Freedom Writers

**Fiction:**

*The Lord of the Flies*, William Golding

*The Bean Trees*, Barbra Kingsolver

*A Separate Peace*, John Knowles

*A Tale of Two Cities*, Charles Dickens

*Of Mice and Men*, John Steinbeck

*Great Expectations*, Charles Dickens

**Epic Poem:**

*The Odyssey,*Homer

**Plays:**

*Antigone*, Sophocles

*Julius Caesar,*William Shakespeare

*The Piano Lesson,*August Wilson

*The Red Badge of Courage,*Stephen Crane

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time,*Mark Haddon

*Speak,*Laurie Anderson

*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

*The Secret Life of Bees,*Sue Monk Kidd

*House on Mango Street,*Sandra Cisneros

Please complete, cut off, and return this slip to Mr. Balogh by **Wednesday January 8, 2013**

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Mr. Balogh’s Approval: Yes No