Complete the following Written Reflections for EACH NOVEL, including the two required texts and your chosen recommended books:

1) **For your required readings**, pay attention to moments in which the characters learn **outside their own worldview**. Examples may include moments such as adventures in the future or learning from one’s elders. Choose **five to ten** such examples from **each** novel. Document those moments and include page numbers where they are found. Explain (in your own words) the learning that occurred. Title this section “Worldview Changes.” Additionally, in a separate section titled “Connections,” type up at least **five ways**, such as specific themes or concepts, in which the two novels might be connected. Due on the first day of class.

2) **For each of the recommended readings** you’ve chosen, also due on the first day of class, select five short passages (5-10 lines maximum) to explore in depth (be sure that these passages represent different sections of the book). Type the lines and include page numbers where they are found. Now, under each of those passages, type a couple of brief paragraphs explaining first, why the passage is significant to the story, and second, how/why the passage affects you on a personal level. For this second paragraph, you can respond to anything from the author’s effective use of style (be specific), to the ways in which this passage mirrors your own experiences. You might also comment on how this passage relates to other books you’ve read or movies you’ve seen. Be sure to **vary your responses** in these second paragraphs so that you’re not, for example, only comparing the text to a movie each time. You will give presentations on these readings.

All reading notes, both for required and recommended, need to be typed, 1.5 spacing, **Times New Roman font**. You will find these notes invaluable when you write your first essay. You will be handing these notes in with your recommended reading homework. You are also highly encouraged to actually write in and highlight your texts, as well, for easy reference.

**Required readings:**
- *Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury
- *The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells

* Covers mature issues or contains some colorful language; we encourage our students to discuss all their choices with their parents.

**Recommended readings (choose two or three):**
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- *Challenger Deep* by Neal Shusterman*
- *Persepolis I* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Night* by Elie Wiesel*
- *Norse Mythology* by Neal Gaiman*
- *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson

*NOTE: If purchasing the texts is a hardship, please contact the ATYP office. We will help!

Last, here is a guideline to help you avoid a last-minute rush before school starts! Try to complete the following reflections by the due dates below. Bring in hard copies of all assignments, with your annotated texts to class with you on the first day we meet.

- Reflections for book one by 10 p.m. June 30th
- Reflections for book two by 10 p.m. July 30th
- Reflections for book three by 10 p.m. August 30th
- Reflections for book four (and five, if you added another) and your 5 connections by 10 pm (the evening before class meets)

While ATYP will provide a copy for anyone who needs one during their first year, we highly recommend that students purchase their own copy to keep for future reference. To give you an idea of the cost, a new paperback version is available on Amazon for $9.49. You are welcome to purchase the book wherever you can find it. Students will purchase/borrow a handful of novels later in the year, but this book is used early in September. If you plan to buy it, you will want to have it in hand the first week of class.

In the spirit of supporting local business, On Saturday, June 2nd between 9 am and 9 pm we are partnering with *This is a bookstore & Bookbug* (Oakwood Plaza, 3019 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo) for you to purchase your summer reading books! Please consider visiting the store on this day, when ATYP summer required and recommended reading books will be stocked and discounted for students. ATYP will receive a percentage of any items purchased for your ATYP class if you mention that you are shopping for ATYP. This is also a great time to buy your summer beach reads! We will give our titles to Kazoo Books and Michigan News Agency so they can help you, as well. It’s absolutely OK to purchase used copies!

Advice from previous students: *The reading was fun—hardly like work at all, but do not wait too long before starting!*

Have a fantastic summer! We look forward to seeing you in September!