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Dear IDEAL Families:

It has been a pleasure partnering with you and sharing in your children's personal and academic growth throughout the year. Each year, the English department develops summer work that will engage, challenge, and prepare students for the next school year. This work is designed to cultivate our students' love of reading, curiosity, and background knowledge and to bring our division together through intellectual discourse with shared themes. There are two parts to the High School's summer reading assignment:

**1. *Who was Anne Frank?* by Ann Abramson (required for all students)**

High School Foundations English students are required to read *Who was Anne Frank?* by Ann Abramson. In conjunction with this required text, students must complete a set of [reading comprehension questions](#) and be prepared to discuss *Who was Anne Frank?* when they return to school. ***Students will be assessed on their reading within the first week of school and therefore must arrive having completed their reading questions with care and thought.***

**2. Student Choice**

High School Foundations English students are also **required** to select and read **one other book from the "Who Is / Who Was" Series**. They must complete the [attached reading log](#) to keep track of the Student Choice book they read, as well as any additional books they read, and be prepared to discuss one additional selected book upon their return in the fall. Feel free to reach out to Ms. Kuntz if you need help with ideas.

**Accessing Books**

***All students should have received a copy of *Who was Anne Frank?* at school, or through a summer mailing.*** Students should be **highlighting** and **annotating** as they read this book. **Student Choice** books may be purchased, read on a Kindle/electronic reader, or borrowed from the library. Additionally, Student Choice books are available on the online platform Bookshare ([www.bookshare.org](http://www.bookshare.org)). Please refer to the attached [Bookshare login guide](#).

We wish everyone a relaxing and wonderful summer, filled with adventures and laughter. Please work with your child to help with the selection of books and with the pacing of reading assignments so that it does not become overwhelming. Do not hesitate to reach out to Upper School Head Sam Keany, Assistant Upper School Head Emily Kuntz, or either of us with questions this summer.

Best,

Upper School English Department

