You must read TWO books.

COMPLETE THE ATTACHED CHARACTER SKETCH FOR EACH BOOK AND BRING THOSE WITH YOU THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL.

1. Choose ONE of the following. Read, annotate, take notes, and be prepared to write about this novel within the first few days of school.

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
The Things They Carried - Tim O'Brien
Animal Farm - George Orwell
1984 - George Orwell
I Am The Messenger - Marcus Zusak
The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak
Paper Towns - John Green
The Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle

2. The second book is FREE choice. Go to a bookstore. Pick up an actual book that looks interesting to you. It may be a classic, biography, or pop fiction. As long as you ACTUALLY READ, I will be happy. Take notes and be prepared to write about this book as well.

Character Sketch (COMPLETE this for BOTH BOOKS)

1. Where does your character live?
2. If not in the present, at what time in history does your character live?
3. How old is your character?
4. What are the five most important things that have happened to your character in his or her life so far?
5. Think of three adjectives that describe your character’s personality/frame of mind.
6. What challenges has your character struggled with in life? Has he or she overcome them, or is he or she still working them out?
7. What does your character look like?
8. What is your character’s social-economic status (rich, poor, middle class, educated, not educated, etc.)?
9. What is your character’s racial/ethnic identity? Does your character’s racial/ethnic identity affect his or her dreams and goals?
10. In what way will your character work toward the American dream? What obstacles will he or she face on the journey? In what one way does your character most want to change his or her life?