

# IB Theory of Knowledge Summer Reading Assignment

Hi, there. This is your summer reading assignment.  
Do not resist: embrace it.

Your efforts will help you to get a head start navigating  
ToK land, and hopefully, provide you with some summer  
souvenirs to bring back and share with the rest of us.

## Assignment

1. Choose one of the following titles (I suggest spending some time in the bookstore or on Amazon.com to browse the titles before you buy. Email me for personalized recommendations).
2. Read the book. The entire book. Front to back.
3. As you read, think about *how the story is challenging notions of reality*, either for the characters within the story or for you, the reader.
4. Write a **one page synopsis** of the book

**AND**

a **one page personal response** to the ideas presented therein.

*\* word processed, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, double-spaced, 1" margins*  
**DUE DAY ONE**

**Be prepared to present the intellectual highlights of this book to the rest of the class.**

Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance Robert Pirsig  
A Canticle for Leibowitz Walter H. Miller  
The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas Ursula LeGuin  
Brave New World Aldous Huxley  
Ficciones Luis Borges  
Dead Souls Nikolai Gogol  
Invisible Man Ralph Ellison  
Ishmael Daniel Quinn  
The Botany of Desire Michael Pollan  
Flatland Edward Abbott  
Bully for Brontosaurus Stephen Jay Gould  
1984 George Orwell  
The Art of War Sun Tzu  
Circles James Burke  
The Tao of Pooh Benjamin Hoof  
Siddhartha Herman Hesse

Hopefully, there is something here for everyone: sci-fi, old, new, non-fiction, satire, sincerity, science, philosophy, even math... Again, EMAIL me for personalized recommendations.

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Read carefully. Think hard. See you soon. EF

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