



WORLD BOOK WEEK



2021- READING IS POWER

Here are some love letters to reading by your LIS teachers!



Ms. CURTIS



HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ?

ROUGHLY TWO-THREE TIMES A WEEK

DO YOU PREFER TO READ FICTION OR NONFICTION?

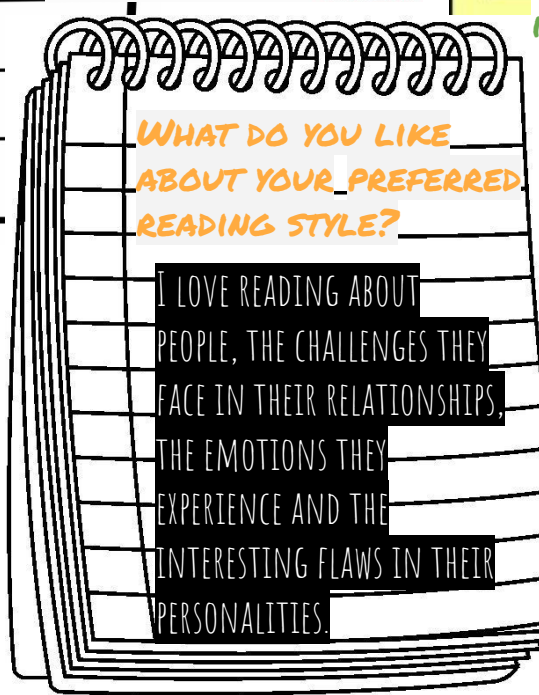
FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

READING HAS HELPED ME TO QUESTION THE PATRIARCHY THAT WE LIVE IN, AND MY ROLE IN CHALLENGING IT!



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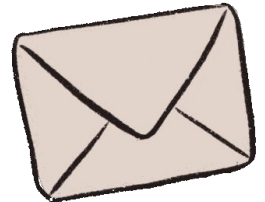


WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LOVE READING ABOUT PEOPLE, THE CHALLENGES THEY FACE IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS, THE EMOTIONS THEY EXPERIENCE AND THE INTERESTING FLAWS IN THEIR PERSONALITIES.

HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER! AND KINDNESS IS POWER! READING HELPS TO DEVELOP KINDNESS, COMPASSION AND EMPATHY, AS WELL AS BROADEN KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORLD WE LIVE IN.





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I USED TO LISTEN TO LOTS OF AUDIO BOOKS, BUT NOW I ENJOY READING A REAL BOOK IN MY SPARE TIME. IT HELPS ME TO FEEL MORE FOCUSED ON ONE TASK.

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

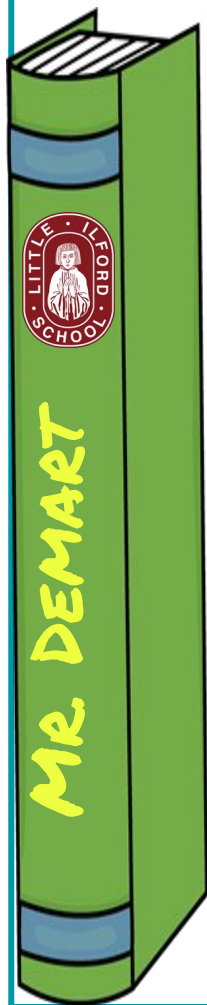
THE BOOK THIEF, THE HELP, FIVE - ALL SO BEAUTIFUL AND GRIPPING FOR DIFFERENT REASONS! BUT HAVE MADE ME QUESTION MY OWN PERSPECTIVE.

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

WHITE OLEANDER BY JANET FITCH. BEAUTIFUL AND PAINFUL AND CHALLENGING, I TRULY FELT TRANSPORTED. IT HELPS ME TO DEAL WITH MY OWN CHALLENGES WHEN I CAN BE INSPIRED BY SUCH BEAUTIFULLY WRITTEN FICTIONAL CHARACTERS.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

READ SOMETHING THAT A FRIEND HAS RECOMMENDED - IT CAN THEN BE REALLY FUN TO TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU LIKED OR DIDN'T LIKE ABOUT THE BOOK.



HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ?

ROUGHLY TWO-THREE TIMES A WEEK

DO YOU PREFER TO READ FICTION OR NONFICTION?

NON-FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

IT HAS HELPED ME TO LEARN ABOUT ALL SORTS OF TOPICS I FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT. I GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMAGINE OTHER WORLDS, TIMES AND PERSPECTIVES IN HISTORY. IT HAS TAUGHT ME THAT PEOPLE EXPERIENCE THE WORLD IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AND HELPED ME TO EMPATHISE WITH OTHER PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES.

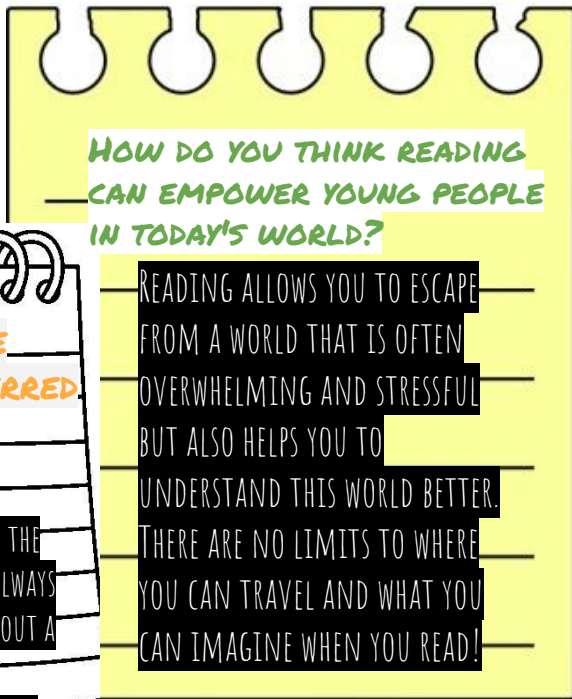


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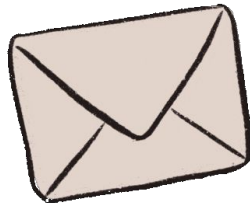
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LIKE BOTH FICTION AND NON-FICTION. I LOVE HAVING THE CHOICE, AFTER A NOVEL, IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO READ SOMETHING ABOUT A TOPIC I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT. I REALLY ENJOY HISTORICAL FICTION, WHERE YOU GET THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

READING ALLOWS YOU TO ESCAPE FROM A WORLD THAT IS OFTEN OVERWHELMING AND STRESSFUL BUT ALSO HELPS YOU TO UNDERSTAND THIS WORLD BETTER. THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO WHERE YOU CAN TRAVEL AND WHAT YOU CAN IMAGINE WHEN YOU READ!





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I HAVE STARTED LISTENING TO A LOT OF AUDIOBOOKS. IT MAKES MY IRONING, COOKING OR EXERCISE SO MUCH MORE ENJOYABLE!

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HISTORY BUT LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT IT THROUGH EXCITING STORIES, I WOULD RECOMMEND "THE INNOCENT" BY IAN MCEWAN. IT'S A STORY SET IN 1950S BERLIN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE COLD WAR, A REAL PAGE TURNER I THOUGHT. I ALSO THINK EVERYONE SHOULD READ THE GRAPHIC NOVEL "MAUS". IT'S INCREDIBLE!

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

WHEN I WAS AT UNIVERSITY, I READ "ON THE ROAD" BY JACK KEROUAC. IT SPARKED A PASSION FOR TRAVEL, AMERICAN LITERATURE, HISTORY AND MUSIC IN ME THAT CONTINUES UNTIL TODAY. I LOVE THE IDEA OF FALLING INTO A RABBIT HOLE AND LEARNING MORE AND MORE ABOUT A CERTAIN TOPIC.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

HAVE YOU TRIED GRAPHIC NOVELS? THEY ARE OFTEN ACCOMPANIED BY AMAZING ILLUSTRATIONS AND ARE USUALLY A BIT SHORTER THAN NOVELS. I ALSO THINK THAT YOU SHOULD FIND A GENRE/TOPIC THAT YOU FEEL PASSIONATE ABOUT SO YOU LEARN ABOUT SOMETHING YOU ENJOY. THERE ARE BOOKS ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN IMAGINE.



MS. LAY



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FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR EVERY DAY

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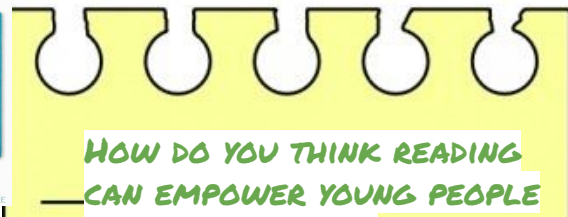
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IT HAS OPENED MANY DOORS FOR ME - AND IT HAS ENHANCED MY ANALYTICAL AND CREATIVE ABILITIES.

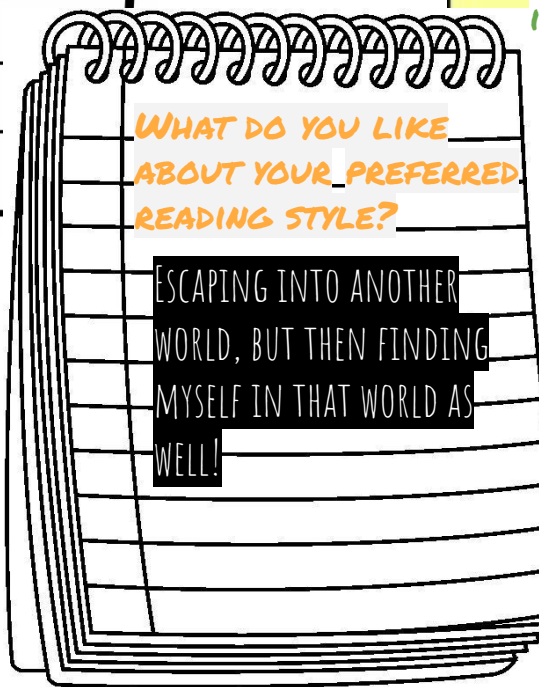


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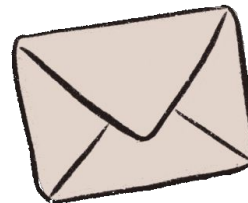
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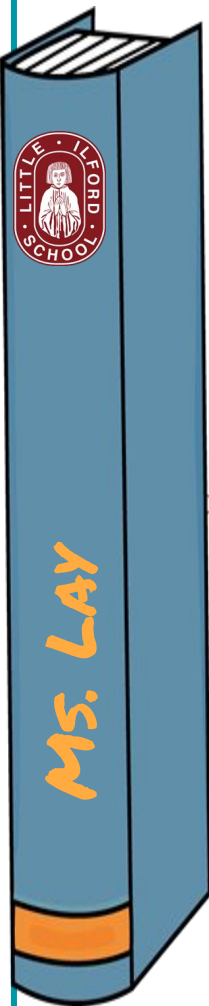
IT CAN DEVELOP BOTH A CONFIDENCE AND COMPETENCE IN USING LANGUAGE TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN CHANGING THE WORLD FOR THE BETTER.



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

ESCAPING INTO ANOTHER WORLD, BUT THEN FINDING MYSELF IN THAT WORLD AS WELL!





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NO, IT HASN'T. I REMAIN AN AVID READER - READING ONE BOOK AFTER ANOTHER AND NEVER GETTING ENOUGH!

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

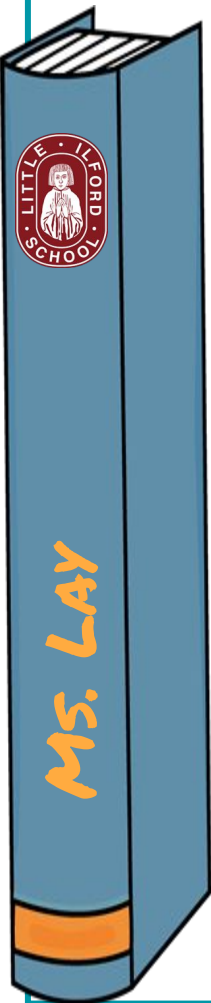
I'VE HAD VARIOUS FAVOURITE BOOKS AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF MY LIFE.

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER IN SCHOOL, MY FAVOURITE BOOK WAS 'TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD' BY HARPER LEE AS IT OPENED MY YOUNG 12-YEAR-OLD EYES TO THE PREJUDICES OF THE DEEP SOUTH OF AMERICA, AND THE WORLD.

AS A YOUNG ADULT, WITH A MISSION TO CHANGE THE WORLD, I SOAKED UP EVERY BOOK ABOUT RACISM AND BIGOTRY I COULD LAY MY HANDS ON. I DID LEARN SO MUCH ABOUT APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA BY ANDRE BRINK, AND THE LEGACY OF COLONIALISM IN KENYA BY NGUGI.

MY FAVOURITE AUTHOR TODAY IS SARAH WATERS, A FEMINIST BRITISH WRITER WHO HAS MASTERED THE ART OF STORYTELLING - HER ABILITY TO KEEP THE READER TURNING PAGES LONG AFTER THE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN TURNED OFF IS IMMENSE! MY FAVOURITE BOOK BY WATERS IS FINGERSMITH.

I HAVE READ MANY, MANY GREAT BOOKS THAT SPEAK DIRECTLY TO WHO I AM AND HOW I SEE THE WORLD, BUT MY FAVOURITE BOOK OF ALL TIME IS ONE CALLED 'ALONE IN BERLIN' BY HANS FALLADA. IT'S A GREAT STORY SET IN HITLER'S GERMANY, ABOUT HOW WE MUST HOLD TRUE TO OUR VALUES DESPITE THE DANGERS WE, OR OTHERS, FACE THROUGH UNJUST REGIMES. THAT ALTHOUGH WE MIGHT BE ALONE, WE MUST FIGHT FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE JUST.



WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

"REBECCA" BY DAPHNE DU MAURIER IS A CLASSIC GOTHIC NOVEL, WITH ONE OF THE GREATEST OPENING LINES IN ENGLISH FICTION: "LAST NIGHT I DREAMT I WENT TO MANDERLEY AGAIN." IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A GREAT CURL-UP-ON-THE-SOFA-AND-READ EXPERIENCE, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU. ITS MANY SPLENDID PASSAGES OF PLACE AND TIME WILL KEEP MANDERLEY IMPRINTED FIRMLY IN YOUR MIND, AND THOSE THRILLING TWISTS AND TURNS WILL HAVE YOU READING LONG INTO THE QUIET NIGHT.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

FIND A GOOD BOOK THAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT, START AND DON'T STOP. GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO DO IT. TREAT IT LIKE WALKING - WHERE YOU GET UP AND PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER AND MOVE, AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, YOU'VE WALKED THREE MILES. IT'S THE SAME WITH READING - TURN ONE PAGE AND THEN ANOTHER, AND THEN ANOTHER ...



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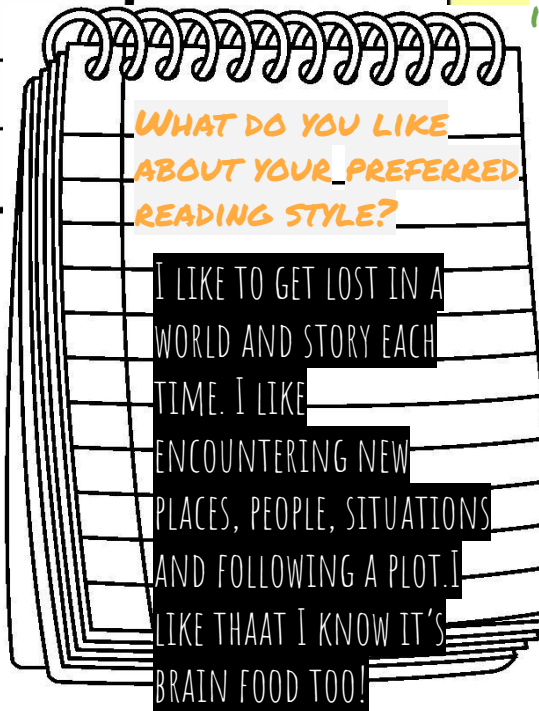
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HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

I THINK IT HAS TAUGHT ME SO MUCH ABOUT EMPATHY, ABOUT STRUGGLES DIFFERENT AND SOMETIMES SIMILAR TO MINE, ABOUT HOW TO BE PATIENT AND KEEP READING TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, HOW WORDS CONVEY IDEAS AND EMOTIONS AND HOW POWERFULLY THEY CAN TEACH YOU TO SEE WITH YOUR MIND'S EYE

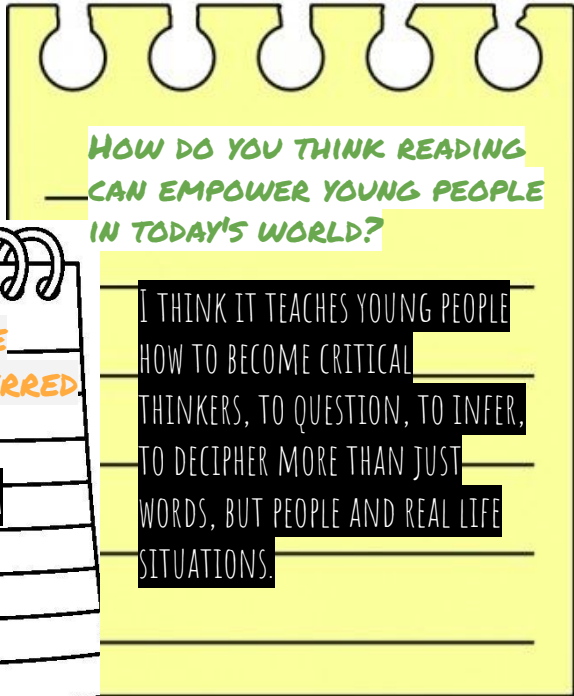


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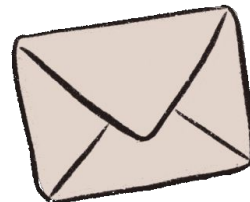
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LIKE TO GET LOST IN A WORLD AND STORY EACH TIME. I LIKE ENCOUNTERING NEW PLACES, PEOPLE, SITUATIONS AND FOLLOWING A PLOT. I LIKE THAT I KNOW IT'S BRAIN FOOD TOO!



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

I THINK IT TEACHES YOUNG PEOPLE HOW TO BECOME CRITICAL THINKERS, TO QUESTION, TO INFER, TO DECIPHER MORE THAN JUST WORDS, BUT PEOPLE AND REAL LIFE SITUATIONS.



MS. KHANUM



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I HAVE STARTED READING ON MY PHONE SIMPLY BECAUSE I HAVE ACCESS TO IT ALL THE TIME-WHICH I LOVE BECAUSE I'M ALWAYS MANAGING TO FIND TIME TO READ NOW!

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

READ CLASSICS, BUT ALSO READ CURRENT TEXTS, SECRET LIVES OF BEES, COLOUR PURPLE, THE BLUE BETWEEN SKY AND WATER.

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

SO MANY. PERHAPS STORIES OF POVERTY AND HARDSHIP BY THOMAS HARDY, KITE RUNNER, THAT REDUCED ME TO TEARS, MORNINGS IN JENIN THAT DID THE SAME. WOMAN IN WHITE THAT CAPTURED MY IMAGINATION.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

FIND THE TYPE OF BOOK YOU LIKE, IT EXISTS AND THE MOMENT YOU DO, YOU WILL DEVELOP A LOVE OF READING!



HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ?

ABOUT ONCE A MONTH

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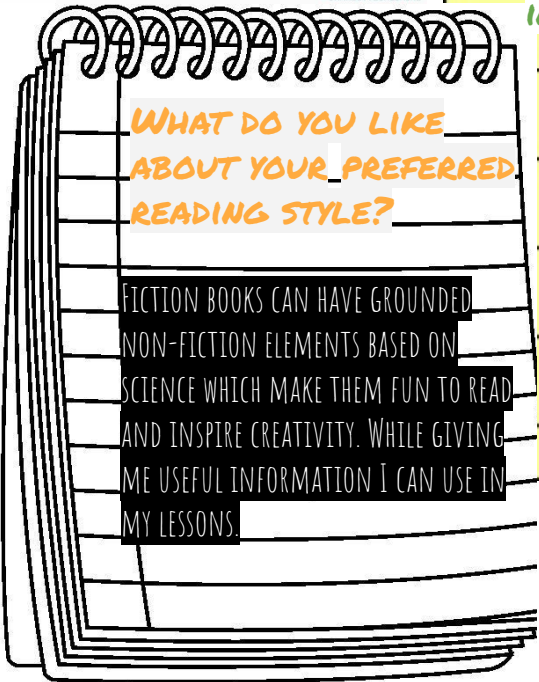
FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

USED TO READ A LOT MORE WHEN AT SCHOOL THAN I DO NOW. IT'S MADE ME MORE CREATIVE, INVENTIVE AND CURIOUS AS A PERSON. WOULDN'T BE HALF THE PERSON I AM NOW WITHOUT IT, AND CERTAINLY WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN AN A IN ENGLISH GCSE.

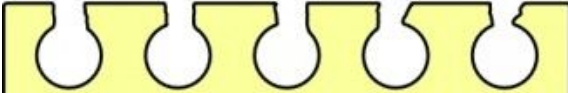


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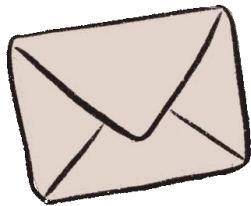
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

FICTION BOOKS CAN HAVE GROUNDED NON-FICTION ELEMENTS BASED ON SCIENCE WHICH MAKE THEM FUN TO READ AND INSPIRE CREATIVITY. WHILE GIVING ME USEFUL INFORMATION I CAN USE IN MY LESSONS.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

KIDS ARE STUCK IN AN ECHO CHAMBER WITH THE SOCIAL MEDIA THEY INFEST THEMSELVES WITH. IT'S ENTRAPPING THEM INTO A NARROW VIEW OF THE WORLD. READING WILL BREAK THEM OUT OF IT; IMPROVE THEIR LITERACY, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR THEM TO IDENTIFY THE THINGS IN LIFE THEY HAVE PASSIONS FOR. ALLOWING THEM TO FOCUS MORE AT SCHOOL AND HONE THEIR EDUCATION INTO THE DIRECTION OF THEIR DREAM PROFESSIONS.



MR. ISLAM



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NO, I STILL PREFER TO READ HARDBACK COPIES.

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

ANY OF SIR ARTHUR CANON DOYLES WORK. THE FORENSIC SCIENCE INVOLVED WILL IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS IN BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY. THE BRILLIANT WRITING WILL OBVIOUSLY HELP THEIR LITERACY. THE PLOT TWISTS WILL IMPROVE THEIR CREATIVITY. SO MANY OTHER THINGS I CAN MENTION, BUT THOSE WOULD BE TOP 3.

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

ALL OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: IMPROVED GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS OF DEDUCTION. VALLEY OF FEAR IS THE BEST ONE BTW, HOUNDS OF BASKERVILLES IS OVERRATED.
WHY DOES E = MC² BY BRIAN COX: BOOK ON QUANTUM PHYSICS --> INSANE LOVE OF SCIENCE.
DAN BROWN BOOKS: SCIENCE + HISTORY + FICTION. MADE ME CURIOUS ABOUT THE CRUSADES AND WARS FOUGHT FOR JERUSALEM.
THERE'S PROBABLY LIKE 5 MORE BOOKS I WANNA TALK ABOUT BUT I'LL RESTRAIN MYSELF.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

IT DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE TO BE FICTION. IF A KID LIKES LEARNING ABOUT THINGS THAT HAPPENS IN WARS, GET THEM A HISTORY BOOK BASED ON IT. (ENCYCLOPAEDIAS ARE REALLY GOOD FOR THIS TOO.)



MS. CHADWICK



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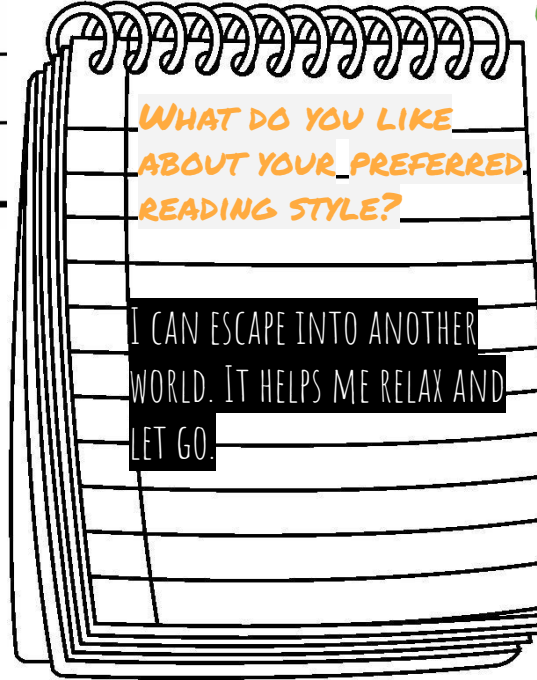
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OPENED MY WORLD. I HAVE LISTENED TO VOICES AND BEEN TO PLACES I COULD NEVER HAVE EXPERIENCED IN REAL LIFE.

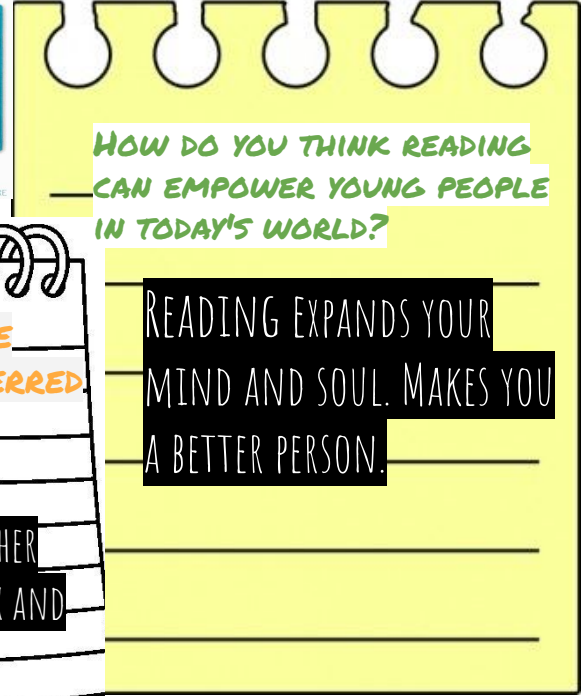


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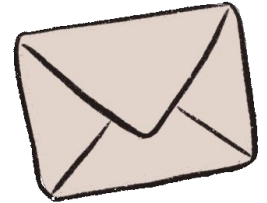
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I CAN ESCAPE INTO ANOTHER WORLD. IT HELPS ME RELAX AND LET GO.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

READING EXPANDS YOUR MIND AND SOUL. MAKES YOU A BETTER PERSON.





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NO, I STILL HAVE THE SAME READING HABITS

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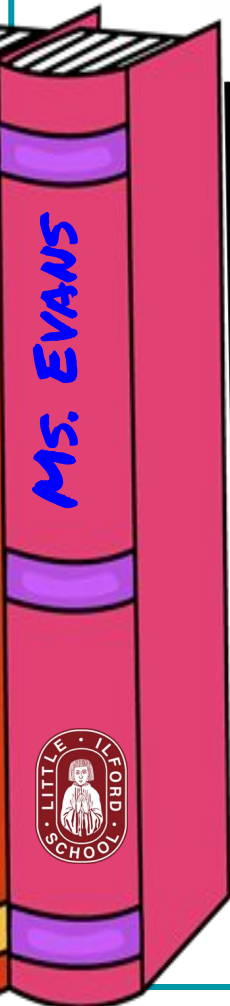
THE FIRE NEXT TIME
ANIMAL FARM
THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHTTIME

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

THE FIRE NEXT TIME
1984
CATCH 22
BELOVED
MONKEY PUZZLE
THE LORAX

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PICK SOMETHING YOU ENJOY
READ WITH SOMEONE ELSE



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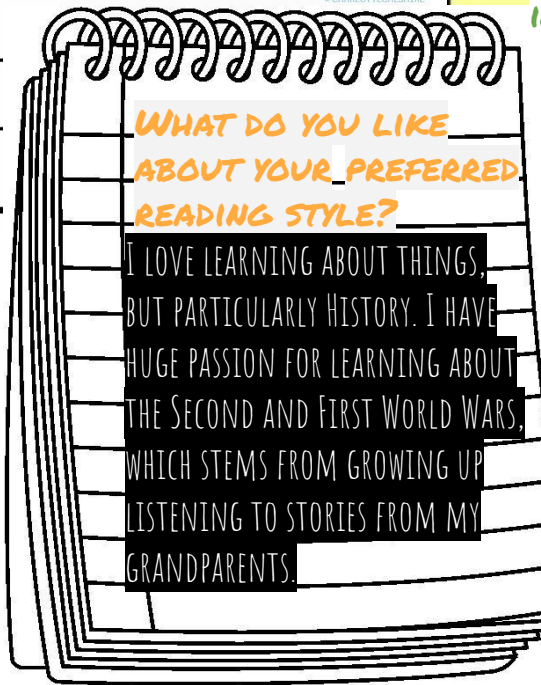
NON-FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

IT GIVES ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, REFLECT AND ENGAGE WITH LARGER QUESTIONS IN LIFE, AND EXPOSES ME TO DIFFERENT VIEWS, CULTURES AND WAYS OF LIVING THAT HELPS ME TO BE A MORE ROUNDED AND CONSIDERED INDIVIDUAL. I HAVE ALSO BEEN INSPIRED BY BOOKS TO TAKE ON CHALLENGES, TO QUESTION WHY THINGS ARE AS THEY ARE. BUT IS ALSO AN ESCAPISM, THAT ALLOWS ME TO STEP BACK FROM EVERYDAY LIFE, AND HAVE THE HEADSPACE THAT IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT MY OWN MENTAL WELLBEING.

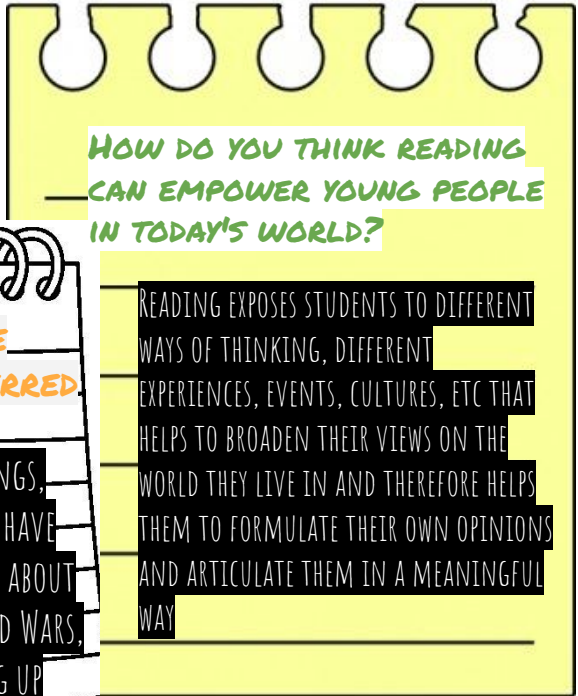


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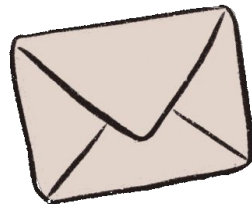
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LOVE LEARNING ABOUT THINGS, BUT PARTICULARLY HISTORY. I HAVE HUGE PASSION FOR LEARNING ABOUT THE SECOND AND FIRST WORLD WARS, WHICH STEMS FROM GROWING UP LISTENING TO STORIES FROM MY GRANDPARENTS.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

READING EXPOSES STUDENTS TO DIFFERENT WAYS OF THINKING, DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, EVENTS, CULTURES, ETC THAT HELPS TO BROADEN THEIR VIEWS ON THE WORLD THEY LIVE IN AND THEREFORE HELPS THEM TO FORMULATE THEIR OWN OPINIONS AND ARTICULATE THEM IN A MEANINGFUL WAY



MS. EVANS

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WITH KIDS AND WORK READING HAS SLIPPED BY THE WAYSIDE IN RECENT YEARS, HOWEVER WITH THE ABSENCE OF OTHER FORMS OF ESCAPISM THE PANDEMIC HAS RE-FOCUSSED MY MIND ON CARVING OUT TIME TO READ - EVEN IF IT ENDS UP BEING VERY LATE AT NIGHT!!

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

THIS IS A TOUGH QUESTION - I FEEL LIKE I AM OUT OF TOUCH! :)
GOING DOWN THE HISTORICAL THEME (!)
MICHAEL MORPURGO - WAR HORSE OR PRIVATE PEACEFUL OR MARKUS ZUSAK THE BOOK THIEF

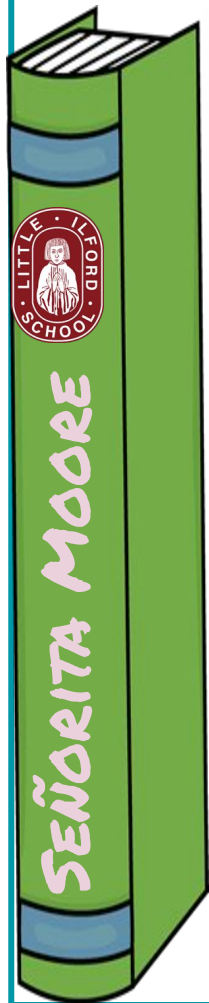
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HUNDREDS! BUT ONE THAT ALWAYS STANDS OUT FOR ME IS: FACES IN THE SMOKE BY JOSEPH PERL - A FANTASTIC AND MOVING FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF THE HOLOCAUST, MADE EVEN MORE POIGNANT FOR ME AS I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF MEETING AND TALKING TO JOSEPH HIMSELF.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

READ FOR PLEASURE IS EXACTLY WHAT IT SHOULD BE - READ THE THINGS THAT YOU ENJOY READING, WHETHER THAT BE A NEWSPAPER, A MAGAZINE, BLOGS, STORY BOOKS ETC. START WITH THE THINGS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE WITH. SHARE YOUR READING WITH OTHERS - WHETHER THAT IS TO READ TO YOUNGER SIBLINGS, OR TO TALK ABOUT THE BOOK YOU ARE READING WITH OTHERS (PERHAPS GET THEM TO READ THE SAME BOOK AS YOU AND SEE YOU IF AGREE) PERHAPS LISTEN TO AN AUDIBLE VERSION OF THE BOOK BEFORE READING IT YOURSELF - THERE ARE PLENTY OF FREE VERSIONS ONLINE. BELIEVE IN YOURSELF - EVERYONE WILL COME ACROSS WORDS WITHIN BOOKS THEY FIND CHALLENGING, OR DO NOT UNDERSTAND. BE KIND TO YOURSELF.





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FOR AT LEAST ONE HOUR EVERY DAY

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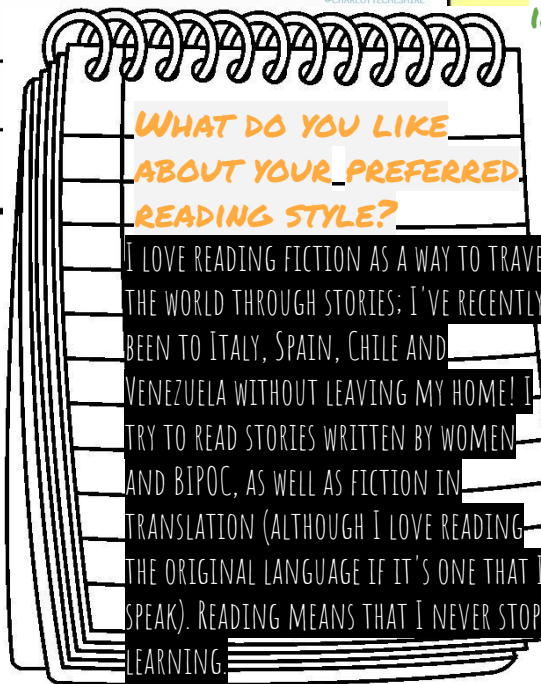
FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

READING HAS INSPIRED ME TO LIVE IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY (COLOMBIA), TO TRAVEL TO NEW PLACES (GREECE, CAPE VERDE) AND HAS STARTED ENDLESS CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE BECOME FRIENDSHIPS. I LOVE TALKING ABOUT BOOKS, AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENT TANGENTS THAT THEY LEAD YOU DOWN (OTHER AUTHORS, RESEARCH INTO DIFFERENT PERIODS OF HISTORY, ETC.)

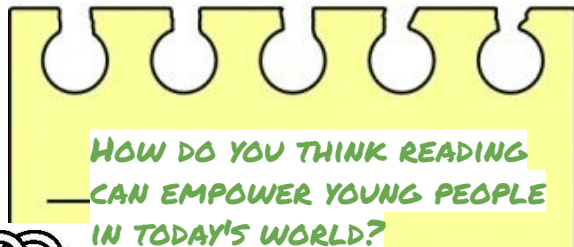


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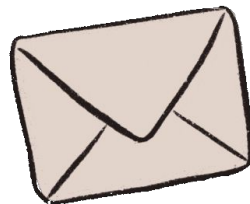
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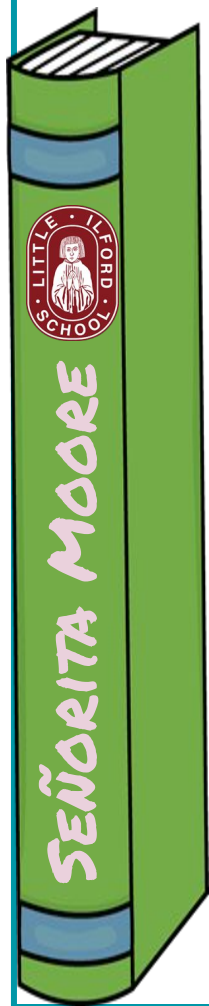
I LOVE READING FICTION AS A WAY TO TRAVEL THE WORLD THROUGH STORIES; I'VE RECENTLY BEEN TO ITALY, SPAIN, CHILE AND VENEZUELA WITHOUT LEAVING MY HOME! I TRY TO READ STORIES WRITTEN BY WOMEN AND BIPOC, AS WELL AS FICTION IN TRANSLATION (ALTHOUGH I LOVE READING THE ORIGINAL LANGUAGE IF IT'S ONE THAT I SPEAK). READING MEANS THAT I NEVER STOP LEARNING.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

READING NOT ONLY ENRICHES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD AND IMPROVES YOUR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, BUT ALSO SHOWS YOU HOW MUCH IS POSSIBLE. LAST YEAR, I READ 'BECOMING' BY MICHELLE OBAMA, AND HER MOTTO, 'WHEN THEY GO LOW, WE GO HIGH' HAS EMPOWERED ME TO BE RESILIENT AND BRAVE IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY AND DIFFICULTY.





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I STILL READ PAPER BOOKS, BUT I AM DEVOURING BOOKS A LOT MORE QUICKLY! I'VE READ 5 ALREADY THIS YEAR.

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

THIS SUMMER, I READ 'PURPLE HIBISCUS' BY CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE AND FOUND THE YOUNG PROTAGONIST'S STORY SO CAPTIVATING. I THINK THAT LOTS OF STUDENTS WOULD AGREE, AS THEY ARE OF A SIMILAR AGE TO HER. I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND 'PERSEPOLIS' BY MARJANE SATRAPI, WHICH IS ALSO ABOUT A TEENAGE GIRL AND HER EXPERIENCE OF THE REVOLUTION IN IRAN.

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

I AM NO GOOD AT CHOOSING FAVOURITES: THERE ARE TOO MANY BOOKS TO CHOOSE FROM! HOWEVER, I LOVE ANYTHING WRITTEN BY JAMES BALDWIN: HIS FICTION IS SO RICH AND EVOCATIVE AND HIS NON-FICTION IS HARD-HITTING AND BRUTAL. 'ANOTHER COUNTRY' IS MY FAVOURITE (ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T READ THEM ALL). BALDWIN'S NON FICTION BOOKS IN PARTICULAR HAVE ENCOURAGED ME TO EXPLORE THE WORKS OF OTHER INSPIRING BLACK AUTHORS SUCH AS DAVID OLUSOGA, RENNI EDDO LODGE, CHINUA ACHEBE AND OCTAVIA BUTLER.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

YOU JUST HAVEN'T FOUND THE RIGHT BOOK YET! ASK A FRIEND OR START WITH A NON FICTION BOOK ON SOMETHING THAT YOU ENJOY. FOR THOSE THAT REALLY STRUGGLE, I'D REALLY RECOMMEND TRYING GRAPHIC NOVELS: 'PERSEPOLIS' IS WONDERFUL AS IS THE MAUS SERIES BY ART SPIEGELMAN. THE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE BEAUTIFUL AND REALLY TAKE YOU TO ANOTHER WORLD!



MS. HARDIMAN



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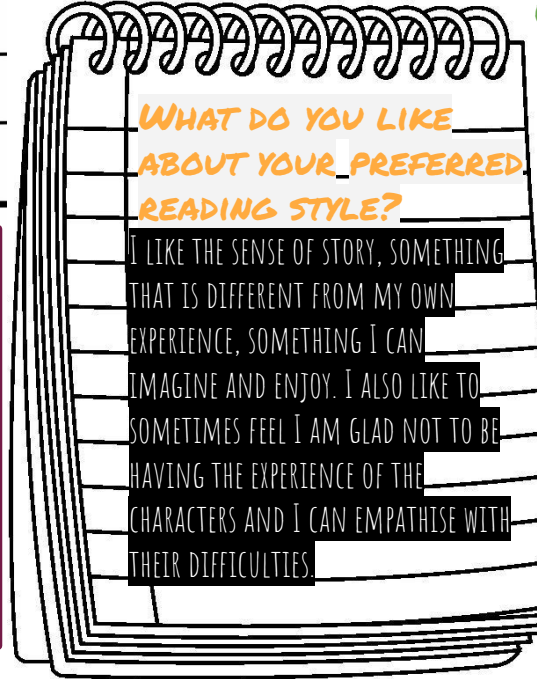
FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

PURELY BECAUSE IT PROVIDES ME WITH SUCH A LOT TO THINK ABOUT AND IT SHOWS ME OTHER WAYS OF THINKING AND BEING. I AM LEARNING AS WELL FROM WHAT I READ AS WELL AS ENJOYING IT.



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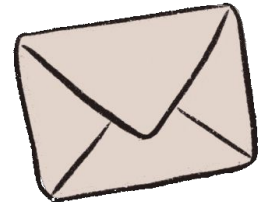


WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LIKE THE SENSE OF STORY, SOMETHING THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM MY OWN EXPERIENCE, SOMETHING I CAN IMAGINE AND ENJOY. I ALSO LIKE TO SOMETIMES FEEL I AM GLAD NOT TO BE HAVING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE CHARACTERS AND I CAN EMPATHISE WITH THEIR DIFFICULTIES.

HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

SIMPLE, IT PROVIDES A VAST WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE THAT YOU CAN'T HOPE TO HAVE ON YOUR OWN.





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I HAVE FOUND TIME TO READ MORE BOOKS THAN I WOULD PREVIOUSLY HAVE DONE. HOWEVER I ALSO LIKE WATCHING FILMS AND DOCUMENTARIES AND READING NON FICTION TOO.

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

AGAIN THIS IS A HUGE ASK I WOULD RECOMMEND DIFFERENT BOOKS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE. I AM A GREAT FAN OF THE GRAPHIC NOVEL AND THE LIBRARY HAS MANY OF THOSE. I KNOW LOTS OF STUDENTS WHO HAVE ENJOYED READING POETRY TOO.

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

A GREAT MANY! HOWEVER IF I HAD TO PICK ONE IT WOULD BE "ALICE IN WONDERLAND" WHICH WAS FIRST READ TO ME WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE. I HAVE READ IT MANY TIMES SINCE AS WELL AS TO MY DAUGHTER, NIECES AND NEPHEWS. THE REASON WHY? BECAUSE IT IS BRIMMING WITH IMAGINATION, WITH MAKING IMPOSSIBLE THINGS POSSIBLE AND IT IS DELIGHTFUL. IT IS ABOUT THINKING AND SELF GROWTH!

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

DON'T DISMISS IT AS BORING. CHOOSE GRAPHIC NOVELS. PERHAPS TRY AUDIBLE READS. WHEN YOU CAN GO TO THE LIBRARY SPEND SOME TIME LOOKING AT WHAT IS ON OFFER AND PICK THINGS THAT APPEAL TO YOU.



MS. ANDREA



HOW OFTEN DO YOU READ?

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FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

READING HAS KEPT ME ENTERTAINED THROUGHOUT MY LIFE AND IT HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL WHEN GOING THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES. THE IDEA THAT, WHATEVER IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE, YOU CAN JUST OPEN A BOOK AND GET INTO A NEW STORY, CAN BE A RELIEF SOMETIMES. READING ALSO IMPROVED MY LITERACY, ESPECIALLY WHEN I READ IN A LANGUAGE THAT IS NOT MY MOTHER TONGUE. I LEARN NEW WORDS, NEW WAYS OF SAYING THINGS, NEW WAYS OF TELLING STORIES.



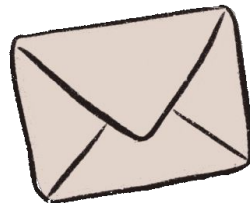
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WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I WANTED TO CHOOSE THE OPTION: BOTH! I LOVE FICTION BECAUSE IT MAKES ME EXPLORE DIFFERENT STORIES, DIFFERENT CHARACTERS, DIFFERENT PERIODS OF TIME, DIFFERENT PLACES (OFTEN VERY FAR AWAY FROM ME). I LIKE WHEN AUTHORS TELL US ABOUT HOW A CHARACTER IS FEELING, WHAT IS THE CHARACTER THINKING, WHAT IS THE CHARACTER DREAMING. IT'S SUCH A GREAT INSIGHT INTO THE HUMAN MIND! I ALSO LOVE NON FICTION, BECAUSE I LOVE TO LEARN FACTS ABOUT THE PAST OR ABOUT THE WORLD WE LIVE IN. I READ A LOT OF HISTORY BOOKS AND BOOKS ABOUT POLITICS. I LIKE THESE KINDS OF BOOKS TOO, BECAUSE THEY MAKE ME MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CERTAIN TOPICS AND MAKE ME UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE WORLD.

HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

READING CAN HELP YOUNG PEOPLE EXPERIENCE WORLDS BEYOND THEIR OWN. THIS CAN GIVE A VERY POSITIVE ATTITUDES TOWARDS LIFE AND ENHANCE CURIOSITY, ALLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE TO STEP OUTSIDE THEIR COMFORT ZONE, LEARN NEW THINGS, MAKE NEW JOURNEYS (NOT ONLY PHYSICALLY BUT ALSO INTELLECTUALLY). I BELIEVE THAT HAVING AN OPEN AND CURIOUS MIND IS A GREAT ADVANTAGE IN LIFE.





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I HAVE BEEN READING MUCH MORE SINCE THE PANDEMIC STARTED AND I THINK THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT COVID. IS IT MAYBE THAT NOW THAT I CANNOT SEE FRIENDS, I CANNOT TRAVEL, I CANNOT VISIT FAMILY, READING IS THE ONLY REAL WAY TO LEAVE MY HOUSE? PROBABLY YES:)

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

HIS DARK MATERIALS TRILOGY - IT'S AN AMAZING STORY SET IN DIFFERENT WORLDS, WITH GREAT CHARACTERS THAT FIGHT AGAINST ALL ODDS FOR A BETTER FUTURE. VERY ENTERTAINING AND INSPIRING

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

IT'S A BOOK WRITTEN BY AN ITALIAN AUTHOR CALLED 'THE HISTORY', BY ELSA MORANTE. IT'S A NOVEL SET IN ROME DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR AND TALKS ABOUT A WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN IN HER DAILY STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE NAZI OCCUPATION. I READ IT WHEN I WAS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL AND IT HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON ME. I WAS ALREADY PASSIONATE ABOUT HISTORY BUT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I FELT I COULD ACTUALLY 'EXPERIENCE' HISTORY. IT SO WELL WRITTEN THAT MADE ME FEEL LIKE I WAS THERE. AND FOR THE FIRST TIME I REALISED THAT HISTORY IS NOT ONLY ABOUT THE BIG EVENTS AND THE FAMOUS PEOPLE, BUT ALSO ABOUT THE NORMAL ORDINARY PEOPLE WHOSE LIVES ARE CONSTANTLY AFFECTED BY HISTORY.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

START FROM SOMETHING YOU ARE INTERESTED IN: IT CAN BE A COMIC, A HISTORY BOOK, A NEWSPAPER, A MAGAZINE, A BOOK OF SHORT STORIES, A BIOGRAPHY. IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE A BIG BOOK! DISCOVERING THE PLEASURE OF READING MIGHT TAKE A WHILE BUT IT IS AMAZING ONCE YOU DO!



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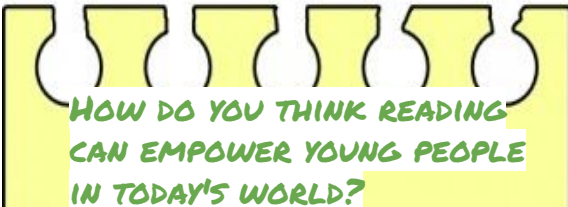
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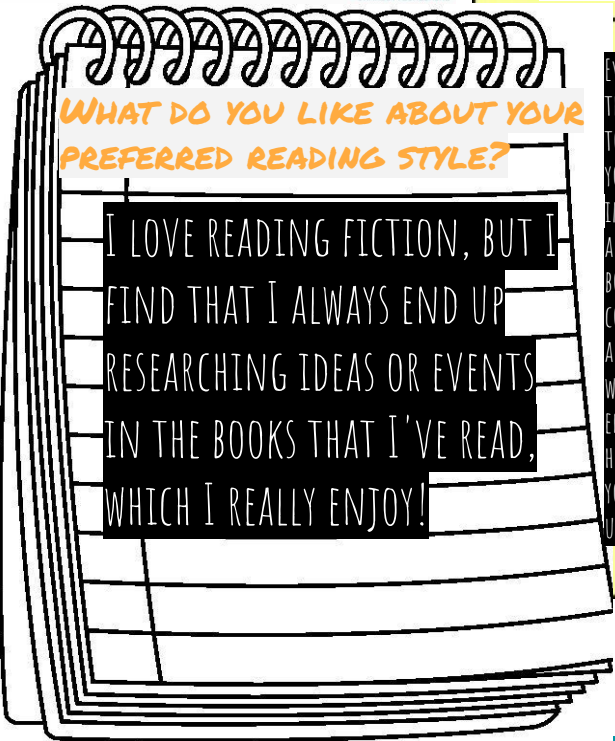
READING HAS EMPOWERED ME IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE. I ONLY USED TO READ WHAT I THOUGHT I WAS 'SUPPOSED TO READ', AND IT WAS ONLY THROUGH STUDYING LITERATURE THAT I LEARNED HOW SILLY THIS WAS. EVERYONE HAS A PLACE IN HISTORY AND READING IS THE FIRST STEP IN THE PATH TO LEARNING ABOUT YOURS.



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HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?



WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LOVE READING FICTION, BUT I FIND THAT I ALWAYS END UP RESEARCHING IDEAS OR EVENTS IN THE BOOKS THAT I'VE READ, WHICH I REALLY ENJOY!

EVERY CHILD IS CAPABLE OF MORE THAN THEY EVER THINK THEY ARE AND READING IS THE FIRST THING WE CAN DO TO UNLOCK OUR POTENTIAL. THE REASON ADULTS TELL YOU TO READ MORE IS BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW IMPORTANT LEARNING THROUGH READING IS- THEY AREN'T JUST TRYING TO TRICK YOU INTO READING BOOKS! SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS THAT MAKE OUR WORLD GO AROUND ARE REPORTED DAILY IN NEWSPAPERS SO KEEPING UP WITH READING JUST ONE NEWSPAPER EACH WEEK WILL ENABLE YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW THE WORLD WORKS, HOW TO CHALLENGE INJUSTICE, HOW TO EMPOWER YOURSELVES AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOW TO STAND UP FOR OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE.





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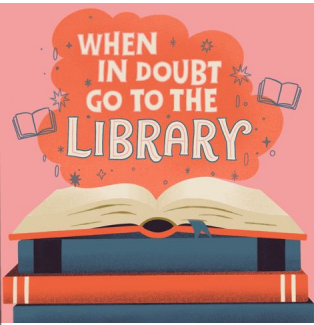
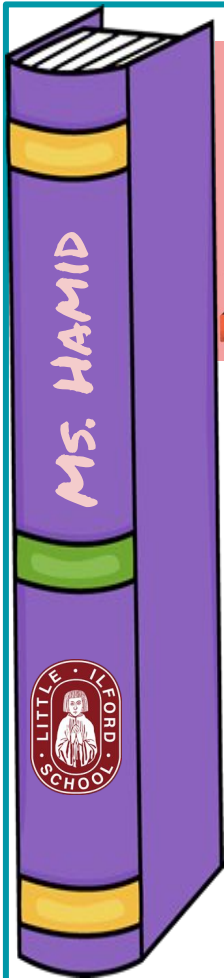
I HAVE FOUND THAT I'VE HAD SO LITTLE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND READ PAPER BOOKS DURING LOCKDOWN, BUT THEN I DISCOVERED AUDIOBOOKS! I LOVE LISTENING TO PODCASTS ANYWAY, BUT I'VE JUST FOUND THAT LISTENING TO STORIES HELPS ME READ MORE THAN I HAVE TIME TO DO- I CAN LISTEN WHILST I'M WALKING AND SOMETIMES WHILST I'M PLANNING LESSONS. I EVEN LISTEN WHEN I'M COOKING AND HAVE LISTENED TO (READ) 5 BOOKS ALREADY SINCE THE JANUARY LOCKDOWN!



WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

I'M AN ENGLISH TEACHER SO THERE ARE MANY! BUT, I'LL ALWAYS HAVE TO SAY TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD. IT WAS THE FIRST BOOK I READ FOR MY GCSEs AND I JUST ADORED THE CHARACTERS, THE THEMES AND THE WRITING. I'VE RE-READ IT IN LIGHT OF THE BLM MOVEMENT AND ALTHOUGH THE CONTENT IS VERY 'WHITE SAVIOUR' ORIENTED, IT HELPED ME UNDERSTAND WHAT WHITE SAVIORISM IS AND WHY IT IS STILL SO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND HOW RACISM WORKS IN THE WESTERN WORLD.

ANOTHER INCREDIBLE NON-FICTION BOOK I OFTEN THINK ABOUT IS 'YOU AND ME: THE NEUROSCIENCE OF IDENTITY'. THIS BOOK IS WRITTEN BY A NEUROSCIENTIST WHO EXPLAINS HOW READING ACTUALLY MAKES YOUR BRAIN CLEVERER! I QUOTE IT OFTEN, ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE TELL ME THAT THEY DON'T LIKE READING...



WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

- HIS DARK MATERIALS (DON'T WATCH THE FILMS IT'S NOT THE SAME) (Y7-11)
- THE GREAT GATSBY (Y10-11)
- AL CAPONE DOES MY SHIRTS (Y7-9)
- THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHTTIME (Y7-9)
- THE HUNGER GAMES (BETTER THAN THE FILMS) (Y7-11)
- I AM MALALA (Y7-11)
- THE RED QUEEN QUADRILLOGY (Y9-11)
- REBECCA (NOT JUST BECAUSE IT'S MY NAME) (Y10/11)

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

DON'T WATCH FILMS AND THINK YOU'VE READ THE BOOK. THAT WILL KILL YOUR LOVE OF READING INSTANTLY. READ THE BOOKS FIRST AND TREAT YOURSELF TO THE FILM AFTERWARDS.

I WENT THROUGH A TIME OF HATING READING BECAUSE I FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO CONCENTRATE. MY ADVICE IS TO READ SOMETHING EASY (I LOVED THE WORST WITCH IN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HARRY POTTER IN SECONDARY SCHOOL) AND GO FROM THERE. ASK SOMEONE FOR A BOOK THEY LOVED AND READ IT YOURSELF, EVEN IF YOU DON'T LOVE IT, YOU'LL HAVE SOMEWHERE TO START AND BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT IT.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE READING IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE YOU DON'T LIKE READING FICTION SO READ NEWSPAPERS- THEY ARE OFTEN WAY MORE INTERESTING THAN FICTION ANYWAY AND THEY'RE SHORTER, SO YOU DON'T HAVE SPEND AS LONG ON THEM. LISTEN TO AUDIOBOOKS, YOU'LL FIND YOU ENJOY THEM THE SAME AMOUNT ANYWAY. ASK YOUR LIBRARIAN- MS SHOWUNMI KNOWS SO MUCH ABOUT BOOKS AND CAN RECOMMEND THEM TO YOU.



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ROUGHLY TWO-THREE TIMES A WEEK

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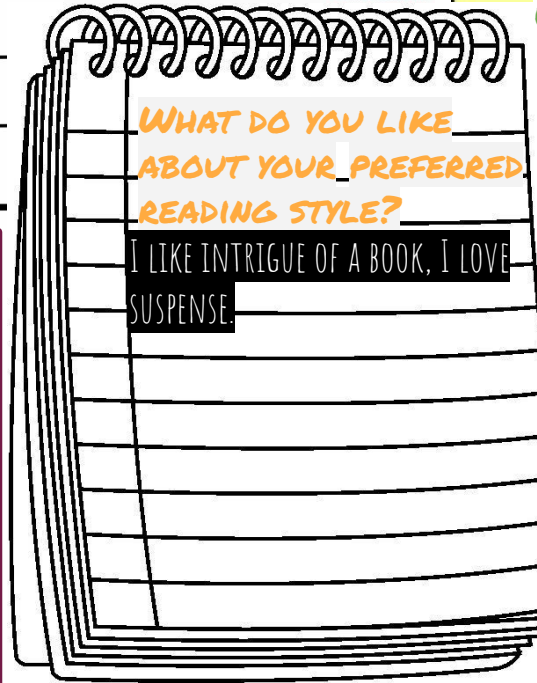
FICTION

HOW HAS READING EMPOWERED YOU IN YOUR LIFE?

IT HELPED ME IMPROVE MY LANGUAGE SKILLS AND HELPED ME ACQUIRE NEW VOCABULARY AND IDIOMATIC EXPRESSIONS. I AM NOW ABLE TO READ NOVELS IN THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES, AND I FEEL I CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT CULTURES.

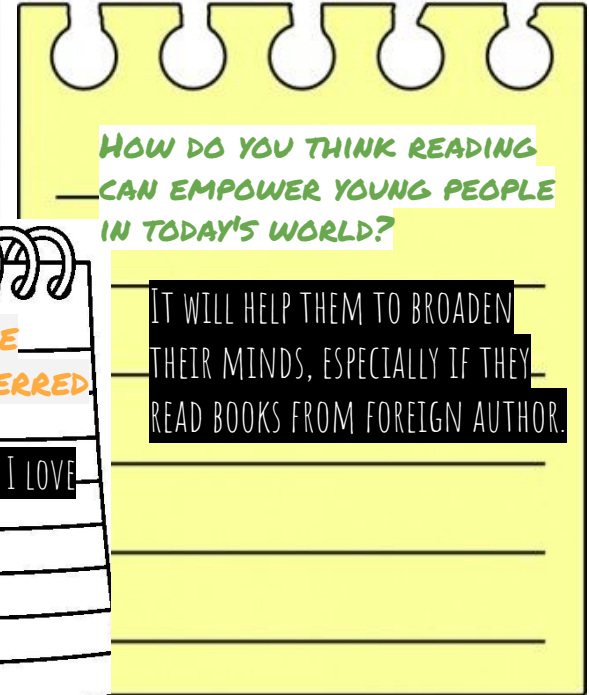


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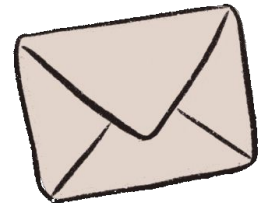
WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT YOUR PREFERRED READING STYLE?

I LIKE INTRIGUE OF A BOOK, I LOVE SUSPENSE.



HOW DO YOU THINK READING CAN EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE IN TODAY'S WORLD?

IT WILL HELP THEM TO BROADEN THEIR MINDS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY READ BOOKS FROM FOREIGN AUTHOR.





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NOT REALLY, AFTER SPENDING SO MUCH TIME IN FRONT OF A SCREEN, IT'S NICE TO READ A BOOK. IT CALMS ME DOWN, I FIND BEING IN FRONT OF A SCREEN STRESSFUL.

WHICH BOOK/S WOULD YOU RECOMMEND TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND WHY?

READ COMICS: ASTERIX AND OBELIX (TRY IN FRENCH), MAFALDA (TRY IN SPANISH).

WHICH BOOK/BOOKS HAVE HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON YOU AND WHY?

STAZILAND: AN HISTORY ABOUT THE STAZI GOVERNMENT BACK IN EAST GERMANY WHEN THE BERLIN WALL WAS STILL THERE. IT SHOWED ME HOW A GOVERNMENT CAN BE DESTRUCTIVE TO PEOPLE IF NO ONE SPEAKS OUT.

FINALLY, WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO STRUGGLE TO READ, EITHER BECAUSE THEY SIMPLY 'DON'T LIKE READING' OR BECAUSE THEY FIND READING DIFFICULT?

YOU SHOULD READ COMICS: IT'S LESS TO READ BUT IT'S STILL GREAT AND FUN!

WHEN
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