The Charge for English III and English IV Students: Find a book you’ve been wanting to, or meaning to read -- it might be fiction (the first of a fantasy series you’ve heard about, or a total “beach read,” or maybe it’s a classic?); it might be a certain soccer player’s or rockstar’s memoir; it might be a non-fiction collection of essays! Whatever it is, it’s a book you’d like to read this summer.

If you don’t happen to have a book that you’ve been wanting to read on your own bookshelf, ask a friend or family member for a recommendation or check out the displays of “Great Summer Reads” in our school library. You can also visit your local public library, or the Yankee Bookstore in Woodstock, or look online.

The Simple Assignment:

a) Enjoy reading your book this summer. If you wish, partner up with another junior or senior and read the same book so you can talk about it!

b) As you read your book, think about what the author is hoping readers will come to understand about human nature and/or relationships, the world around us, or perhaps some other “truth” or “wisdom” the book offers.

c) In a journal-type entry, write about what you think is an understanding from the book that might prove useful to YOU in your own experience of reality. What details in the book helped you come to this “take-away” understanding? Include some key quotes (2-3, or more!). Bring this entry to your first English class on September 1st, 2021!