



Boston Collegiate Charter School  
High School Summer Reading  
Summer 2020

### **Entering Grade 12 Dystopian Literature**

Your summer reading assignment for Dystopian Literature is to carefully read the novel *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy. You must be prepared to discuss and write about this text on the first day of school.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Veeder at [mveeder@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:mveeder@bostoncollegiate.org)

#### ***The Road – Cormac McCarthy***

Cormac McCarthy sets his novel, *The Road*, in a post-apocalyptic blight of gray skies that drizzle ash, a world in which all matter of wildlife is extinct, starvation is not only prevalent but nearly all-encompassing, and marauding bands of cannibals roam the environment with pieces of human flesh stuck between their teeth. If this sounds oppressive and dispiriting, it is. McCarthy may have just set to paper the definitive vision of the world after nuclear war, and in this recent age of relentless saber-rattling by the global powers, it's not much of a leap to feel his vision could be not far off the mark nor, sadly, right around the corner. Stealing across this horrific (and that's the only word for it) landscape are an unnamed man and his emaciated son, a boy probably around the age of ten. It is the love the father feels for his son, a love as deep and acute as his grief, that could surprise readers of McCarthy's previous work.

(Summary by Dennis Lehane for amazon.com)

\*All students will receive a copy of this text ON LOAN from BCCS for Summer Reading. Any students who lose their copies will be responsible for reimbursing the school for its cost. **You are encouraged to take notes on post-its, loose-leaf paper or google docs as you read.**

*The book you are being sent is based on our most recent information about your enrollment and course selection. If you think you should have received a book for a different English class, please email Ms. Morland ([smorland@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:smorland@bostoncollegiate.org)) and Ms. Evans ([aevans@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:aevans@bostoncollegiate.org)).*

### **Summer Reading: Entering Grade 12 History**

Please read the Constitution and complete the Constitution Handbook. Both will be emailed to you by Ms. O'Hern. Please reach out to Ms. O'Hern at [mohern@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:mohern@bostoncollegiate.org) if you have any questions.



Boston Collegiate Charter School  
Lectura de Verano para la Escuela Preparatoria

Verano 2020

### **Estudiantes quienes cursarán 12vo grado - Literatura Distópica**

La tarea de lectura de verano para el curso de Literatura Distópica es leer cuidadosamente la novela *The Road* de Cormac McCarthy. Debes llegar al primer día de la escuela preparado para analizar y escribir acerca de este texto.

Si tienes alguna pregunta, envíenos un correo electrónico a Srta. Peisch [apeisch@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:apeisch@bostoncollegiate.org)

#### ***The Road – Cormac McCarthy***

Cormac McCarthy presenta su novela, *The Road*, en una plaga de cielos grises post apocalípticos que llovizna ceniza, un mundo en el que toda la materia de la vida silvestre está extinta, la inanición no solo prevalece sino que abarca casi todo, y las bandas de caníbales merodean el entorno con trozos de carne humana pegados entre los dientes. Si esto suena opresivo y desalentador, lo es. McCarthy pudo haber establecido la visión definitiva del mundo después de la guerra nuclear, y en esta reciente era de incesantes golpes de sable por parte de las potencias globales, no es un gran salto sentir que su visión no puede estar muy lejos de la realidad. Lamentablemente, a la vuelta de la esquina. Robar a través de este paisaje horrible (y esa es la única palabra para él) es un hombre sin nombre y su hijo demacrado, un niño probablemente de alrededor de diez años. Es el amor que el padre siente por su hijo, un amor tan profundo y agudo como su dolor, que podría sorprender a los lectores del trabajo anterior de McCarthy. (Resumen por Dennis Lehane para amazon.com)

\*Todos los estudiantes recibirán una copia de este libro PRESTADO de BCCS para la lectura de verano. Cualquier estudiante quien pierde su copia será responsable de reembolsar a la escuela por su costo. **Se les anima a todos los estudiantes a tomar notas en post-its, hojas sueltas de papel o en un google docs mientras leen.**

#### **Lectura de Verano: Historia**

Lea la Constitución y complete el Manual de la Constitución. La Sra. O'Hern le enviará ambos documentos por correo electrónico. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Sra. O'Hern en [mohern@bostoncollegiate.org](mailto:mohern@bostoncollegiate.org).