11th Grade Elective Summer Reading Instructions 2018

Stephen Ringo: American Transcendentalism
Sarah Gallagher: Gender in American Literature

What to Read: Over the summer, please read F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *The Great Gatsby*. Not necessarily this edition.

While Reading: Enjoy the novel. You may use an audio book or digital book for the summer; however, you will need a physical copy of the book for class in the fall. While you do not need to annotate while reading, engage with the story and the themes it addresses. In particular, consider what Fitzgerald is saying about the American Dream.

When School Starts: We will discuss the novel during the first few weeks of class. You will take a quiz on the novel during the first week of school to get a sense of your reading comprehension and engagement with the text. In addition, we will use the text for our first writing assignment, which will explore some of the themes that occur in the novel.