

Hello Media Academy 2021-22!

We hope all of you are enjoying your summer so far, and are able to take advantage of the opportunity to unwind and get away from technology! The last year and a half certainly has been a hard one, and we all need to relax and rejuvenate. Many of us have suffered losses, and we need time to heal.

All three of us are really looking forward to next year--while it's fair to say that we all did our best under extraordinary circumstances last year, MAX really lost a lot of the qualities that make it a fun environment in which to learn (and teach). The creative and social dynamic of complex projects with others make MAX fun--and we all missed that a lot!

Because of the impact of COVID, Remote Instruction, and how late scheduling was finalized--many of us have decided not to assign summer work this year. We all need a break, and it really wasn't possible to be organized in a way that ensured you would all be successful.

But that doesn't mean you shouldn't read and that you shouldn't study on your own. Next year, we will be focusing on the relationship between literature, history, and film. We suggest that you spend a little time this summer doing some of that on your own. Watch a couple of movies or TV shows this summer that focus on a different historical period and think about how that time has been captured in the film--notice clothing, music, sets, props, language. What do these things tell you about the times in which the characters live? You might also think about finding a movie that's based on a book or short story and reading that--and noticing how the story changes from one form to the other.

Attached is a list of ideas. We're identifying those texts/films which also evoke historic/social periods and settings. The links below have other options listed as well.

<https://www.bookbub.com/blog/best-movies-based-on-books-all-time>

<https://www.glamour.com/gallery/best-movies-based-on-books>

- Jaws
- The Godfather
- Trainspotting
- Little Women
- The Color Purple
- Fight Club
- Different Seasons (Shawshank Redemption, Stand By Me, Apt Pupil--are all films based on short stories by Stephen King that are in Different Seasons)
- No Country for Old Men
- The Wonder Boys
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Crazy Rich Asians
- Hidden Figures
- Emma/Clueless

Enjoy the summer and we'll see you soon!

