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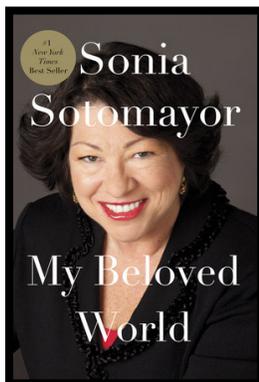
ELA 8 Summer Assignment

Hi! Welcome to 8th Grade ELA. Below you will find your summer assignment. If you have any questions, please contact me at: LTurnowski@schools.nyc.gov. **Have a great summer!**

Shared Text: **My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor // Due Friday, Sept. 13th**

This summer's NEST+m K-12 shared summer reading will feature the inspiring memoir, My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor. The book presents a wonderful opportunity for students across grade levels to come together and discuss a true story of determination and success in the face of great adversity. To prepare for this work together, please complete the assignment below:

1. Please read the shared text, My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor
2. Write a letter to a 5th grade student. Your letter should be formatted in the following way:
 - a. Introduce yourself! Let your pen-pal get to know a little bit about you.
 - b. Describe a scene in the book that really stood out to you. Explain what happened in the scene, and why it resonated with you. Be specific!
 - c. Tell the reader what life lesson you learned from this book. You can make connections to other books you've read or your own life to help explain the lesson.
 - d. Wrap up your final thoughts on the book – share one question you still have after reading the book and one question you'd like to ask your pen-pal.





Summer is the perfect time to catch up on some great books! While there is no required reading for the break (other than My Beloved World), you are highly encouraged to check out some titles from the following list of 2019's hottest summer books:

- **NYPL:** <https://www.nypl.org/blog/2019/04/17/summer-reading-2019-teen-book-lists>
- **B + N:** <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading-lists?list=teens--ya>
- **Read Brightly:** <https://www.readbrightly.com/summer-ya-books/>

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A few other things...

- Bring an independent reading book with you on the first day of school. **As a general note, you should always have an independent reading book with you in class.**
- Please only use blue/black pen to complete your assignments. If you would prefer to type your work, please use 12-point font (a normal font, nothing fancy!)
- For ELA this year you will need the following supplies:
 - *a five-subject notebook with pocket-folders **OR** a binder with dividers and loose-leaf paper **OR** 5 one-subject notebooks*
 - *a steady supply of blue/black pens*