



NEST+M Upper Grades Summer Reading 2019
My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

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Dear Upper Grades Students,

Our K-12 summer reading text for this year is **My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor**. The book presents a fantastic opportunity for students across grade levels to come together and discuss a true story of identity and resilience.

My Beloved World is her memoir of growing up, overcoming obstacles, and achieving her greatest aspiration. Sotomayor explains that she wrote her book to answer questions often posed to her by people who have been inspired by her experiences. By sharing her story, she hopes to help others. Her greatest accomplishments happened, she explains, when she was thinking not about personal gain but channeling her efforts towards helping others.

Our Grades 9-12 Summer Assignment:

Read *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. You can find this book in any public library or local bookstore.

Full citation: *My Beloved World*. New York: Knopf, 2013.

While reading please be sure to annotate/take notes with you. The notes that you take will help support the writing component of the task.

After reading *My Beloved World*:

1. Identify three (3) powerful passages (ranging from a sentence to a paragraph) in the text.
2. Type out or write out each passage (with page number) onto a new sheet of paper.
3. Write a one page text-to-self or text-to-world connection for EACH of the three passages **at least three double-spaced pages total:
 - **Write** at least one detailed paragraph about how the quotation is significant to the text (ex// plot development, major themes).
 - Refer to specific parts of the book in your response to demonstrate your comprehension and analysis of the text.
 - **Write** at least one other detailed paragraph about why the quotation is meaningful to you personally.
 - Provide specific details from your real life to give the reader a full understanding of your connection. Tell a story, if you can.

4. Letter to the Author

- **Write** a letter to Sonia Sotomayor expressing what you gained from reading her memoir (1 page)

Your letter should include the following:

- Identify a moment in the story that resonated with you. Be sure to explain why.
- Identify any text-to-self connections you made while reading her memoir
- Identify questions that were raised while reading the memoir
- Include an appropriate salutation, closing and signature.

Formatting your Summer Reading Homework

Format: Typed, 12-point font, Times New Roman, double-spaced or written neatly on loose-leaf using blue or black ink. Staple all parts together

Header: Include a header in the top-left corner of each submission with the following (in order):

Your Name

Your Grade

Teacher (If known)

Due Date - 9/5/18

****Please Note:** This assignment represents your first impression in English class. Please turn in thorough, thoughtful, original work that represents your best effort.. Any content that is paraphrased or directly copied from an external source or another student's work without an appropriate citation (ex// web address, book title/ author, etc.) will not be given credit.

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