

**Colegio San Ignacio
English Department
12th grade – Honor and Regular**



Summer Reading Guide -Summer 2022

The Watchmen by Alan Moore

The Summer Reading is a critical component of the academic experience as it enables students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. It heightens students' critical thinking skills in preparation for the new challenges ahead. Summer readings take students into other worlds and civilizations that transcend our expectations and imaginative selves. It enhances literacy, awareness, and wisdom by engaging them in active reading while outside of the classroom. The experience of reading graphic novels is always entertaining and intriguing!

As you read, you should:

1. Identify plot structure and major events in the graphic novel.
2. Identify characters and trace their development throughout the text.
3. Identify and analyze the characters' motivations and thought processes.
4. Analyze and connect the different conflicts and themes within the text.
5. Think about how the setting affects the events and the development of the plot.
6. Think about how the historical and political fact and fiction elements alter the plot.
7. Connect how the narrator's point of view affects the telling of the story.
8. Explain the author's purpose in writing this graphic novel.

Assessment:

Students will be assessed through various class activities and discussions. The *Socratic Seminars* are a key component of these varied assessments which will include a *Creative Performance* on specific characters and themes, and a *Literary Critique*. The students need to be prepared to discuss the text during the first cycle of class as they polish their live workmanship for the coming cycles and a major writing project. The instructions on this critique will be introduced in August. The teacher will share a link with you on how to build one and explain it thoroughly.

Have a lovely summer!