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It's the season of reading!

Stepping into spring, here we come the season of reading English books. The reading promotion team, and the school library, have provided students with various English reading activities. To find out the coming events and also great books recommended by our teachers, come and enjoy reading this Joyful Reading

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An interview with Ms. Yau Wan Sum

Mr. Kwan Cheuk Yin have had an interview with Ms. Yau Wan Sum, and is about to share with you her reading habit and some of her favourite authors.



Who are your favourite authors?

I like a number of authors including Yi Shu (亦舒), Chiung Yao (瓊瑤), Cha Leung Yung (Jin Yong 金庸) and Wai Si Li (衛斯理). I also read Amy Cheung's (張小嫻) books when I was studying in the university.

It sounds like you like a wide range of genres, don't you?

Yes, I love almost all kinds of books including love stories, wuxia stories (武 俠小說) and detective stories etc.

So, it seems to me that you like reading fictions a lot. Am I right?

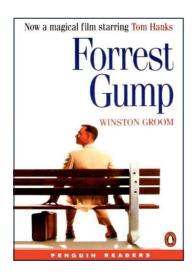
Sure! I love fictions. I read different kinds of stories every day when I was in secondary school. Later, when I got into the university, I had to read English literature because I studied English. Most of the literature I read was required by the teachers back then.





Do you still read a lot?

No... I am always busy at work, so frequent reading is a luxury for me now. But when I have time, I would still pick up one novel or two for leisure. One of my favorite series of novels is the "Shopaholic".



"Life was like a box of chocolates."
Forrest Gump— by Winston Groom
Available in school library!

(Call No.: F/ GRO)



Shopaholic novel series - by Sophie Kinsella One of Miss Yau's favorite novels

Why do you enjoy reading so much?

It's because I can learn lots of new words and it is an activity which you can enjoy anytime, anywhere.

Is there any quotes you love from the novels you have read?

Umm... I suppose there are quite a few but I can only come up with one at the moment. It is a famous quote from "Forrest Gump". It reads "Life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get."

Online Reading Recommendations

We All Love Reading

http://www.hkedcity.net/article/book_feature/wealllovereading/

- Books recommendation by teachers and students
- Reading skills introductions
- Links of audio books......

English Campus

http://www.hkedcity.net/english/

Here you can find videos to watch, books to read, games to play, and many other things to help improve your English!



Teachers' Recommendations

A Book about School Shooting Nineteen Minutes

Recommended by Mr. Kwan Cheuk Yin

Have you ever encountered bullying? You are very lucky if you have not. Peter is an American boy who studies in high school and is constantly bullied.

One day, this once obedient boy took an arsenal of guns, not books or school bags, to school. He started shooting his schoolmates and teachers for nineteen minutes. Nineteen minutes is a very short period of time, it's no longer than a recess. In those nineteen minutes, he killed several people and injured many others. He was then caught by the police and was sentenced life in prison.

After the incident, his mother could not believe what her son had done. Everybody pointed their fingers at Peter and called him "evil". But nobody cared to know and find out why Peter had changed from a normal school boy to a killer. In fact, it was the bullies which changed Peter so much and the loss of love from his parents that intensified his stress.

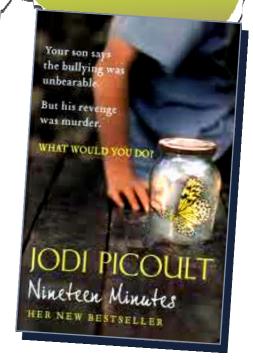
Throughout the book, time flashes back and forth between events before and after the shooting. Readers would know the past that changed Peter and the shooting in school. The writer of the book is Jodi



School shooting is a major problem in high school in the United States. Reasons behind are worth thinking. Jodi's novel may inspire you a deeper thinking.

Picoult. In the book, Jodi unfolds important events of Peter and his friends to illustrate their personalities and relationship.

The Hong Kong government implies strict measures on gun possession. Therefore, school shooting is almost impossible unless there are any amendments in the related ordinances. However, other types of bullying like online and peer abuses are common. If you have bullied anybody, I urge you to stop because you won't know when you may trigger your targets and the consequences can be so enormous that you cannot bear. If you have been bullied, tell the bully to stop or talk to your friends and parents. Let's learn from the novel "Nineteen minutes" until it is too late.



Nineteen Minutes
by Jodi Picoult
(To be shelved)

Watch Nineteen Minutes
Book Trailer on You Tube
http://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=4bVZQvy0vN8



Great Work of Jodi Picoult My Sister's Keeper

Recommended by Mr. Kwan Cheuk Yin

"My Sister's Keeper" is another best-selling novel written by Jodi Picoult and was published in 2004. In the book, Jodi told a story of a 13-year-old girl called Anna. The book has been adapted into a movie of the same name and was released in 2009.

Poster of the movie *My Sister's Keeper* which released on 2009. In the novel, Anna was a "savior sister", whom was brought into the world for the purpose of organ transplantation to her elder sister.





Like "Nineteen Minutes", "My Sister's Keeper" raised public concerns of controversial issues which involve organ transplantation, love and bonds between family members. In the book, Anna, who has a sister that suffered from leukemia(白血病), was brought to the world as a savior sister. When Anna turned 13, she decided to sue her parents for medical emancipation and the rights to her own body.

The movie was aired in 2009 and drew immediate attention from various book critics. It is directed by Nick Cassavetes, who is the director of another famous adapted movie "The Notebook". The film featured Cameron Diaz as Anna's mother. Cameron is a four-time nominee in Golden Globe Award and won the New York Film Critics Best Lead

Actress Award. The movie received top 5 in its opening and grossed USD\$95,660,157 worldwide when it left theatres.

There were a few changes made by the director in the movies, the most drastic one being the ending in which Anna was dead after a car accident in the novel, while Kate was dead from cancer in the movie. Would any changes made in the movie discourage you from watching it? Feel free to come and tell me what you think!



Life of Pi

Recommended by Ms. To Tin Yui

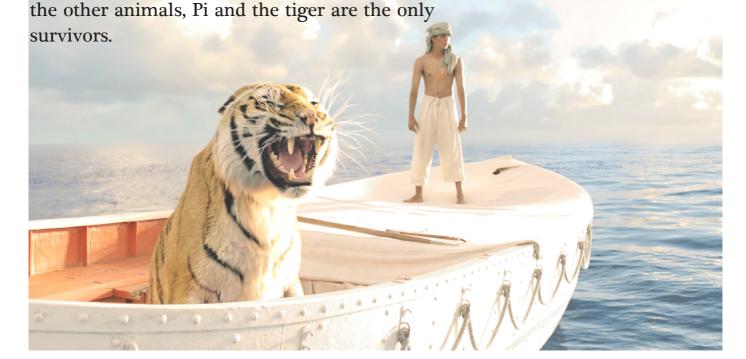
I am grateful to share a book with you all. This is a famous, interesting and heatedly-debated story. The story is written by a well-known Canadian author, Yann Martel. The main character in the story is called Piscine Molitor Patel, a young boy who grows up in a family running a small zoo in India. His classmates call him Pi, in short.

Pi is an interesting boy who believes in Hindu, Indian Gods, Jesus Christ and Mary, mother of God, and also he is an Islam. He thinks that all religions are true, and he finds peace and satisfaction in them.

When Pi is 16 years old, his family plans to move from India to Canada, together with the zoo animals. One night when they are on the ship, there is a terrible storm. Pi soon finds himself on a lifeboat with a zebra, a hyena (a wild animal like a dog), a chimpanzee, and a tiger named Richard Parker. They have no choice but to stay on the lifeboat and wait for help. So here the story begins. After the tiger finishes eating



Pi survived the terrible storm with the zoo animals, including a tiger.



For seven months, Pi and the tiger stay alive because Pi works to provide food and water for them both. Pi also trains the tiger to respect him and stay in his own part of the boat. Finally they land in Mexico, and the tiger runs off into the forest.

This can be only an adventure story of animals. But there are debates on the story that Pi tells the others. One story is about the tiger eating the zoo animals. Another

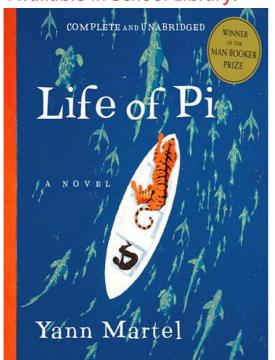


What do you prefer to believe? Tiger survived by eating other animals? Or Pi survived by eating other people?

story is that there are only humans on the boat, but not the animals. So the true story might be Pi eating the other people, including his mother, in order to stay alive. Pi said that, if you believe in the story of animals, you believe in God. What if you believe in the man-eating-man version? For me, this is like you believe in the reality, something sad, but something true. What would you do if you were Pi? Starve yourself to death, or would you eat your mother to stay alive?

Life of Pi By Martel Yann Call No.: F Mar

Available in School Library!



The book might be a little bit difficult for junior form students. I would suggest watching the Oscar-winning movie 'Life of Pi' directed by Ang Lee. This is truly a magnificent live-action drama film which successfully pictures the scene from the book, in a beautiful way that even though it is not about the hidden message, everyone can appreciate the marvelous movie. You will definitely find it easier to read the story after watching the movie Life of Pi is a book

after watching the movie. Life of Pi is a book well worth reading again and again as you can find out different meanings each time you read. If you have watched the movie, or you have read the book, feel free to come to me and tell me the version you believe, and by that time I will tell you what I believe and why. So let's leave it there.

圖書館雜誌 不容錯過

大家有沒有發現,圖書館門外的 locker 頂上,常常擺放了一堆雜誌?大家有沒有 想過這些雜誌的來歷呢?其實,這些都是免費派送到學校,供同學免費取閱的雜 誌或刊物。今期《喜閱》就向大家介紹其中兩本免費月刊。

搵書做閱讀報告? 先看《讀書好》

《讀書好》是一本免費讀書雜誌,由新鴻基地 產贊助,上書局出版,以推動閱讀風氣、介紹 好書給讀者為宗旨。2007年創刊,一直免費在 新鴻基商場派發。《讀書好》將閱讀定位為 「文化與生活的橋樑」,每期專題介紹不同書 本類型,既有繪本童話、旅遊指南、飲食文 學、也有微博小説、咖啡桌書本、心靈雞湯, 同時也緊貼社會趨勢,以文化書本介入不同議 題,例如保育、新聞自由、科技道德、核心價 值。







除了《讀書好》雜誌外,同系還有《讀書好 TV》, 由劉細良、梁文道等讀書人每日在 YouTube 和大家 分享好書。同時,組織讀書會「上書會」(Up Book Club),由陶傑、劉細良、梁文道等人為會員選 書,大家閱後在會上互相討論分享心得。

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世界在看什麼書?

介紹世界各地,包括:中、日、英、美等地 作家、在香港有售的作品。今期介紹了兩本 電影原著小説。英國作者 Martin Sixsmith 的《Philomena》以真人真事改編成電影「千 里伴我尋」;加拿大作者 Solomon Northup 的《Twelve Year A Slave》,改編成電影 「被奪走的12年」更奪得奧斯卡最佳影片。

讀書自由行

由梁文道每月走訪一間 香港書店,選書給中港 漕者。



《讀書好》79期內容簡介

打開書櫃

訪問知名文化人、作家的讀書 喜好,談讀書,也談做人。本 期由劉細良訪問《剩食》作者 陳曉蕾,探討香港傳媒及新聞 自由。

讀好專題

今期專題是《高登文學》, 訪問了第一代博客「庫斯 克」及《那夜凌晨,我坐上 了旺角開往大埔的組 van》 作者Pizza。

升學規劃無難度 有《Jed》有出路

《Jed》(讀音: J-ed) 是一本專為高中及大專學 牛、18-25 歲青少年讀者而設的免費中文教育消閒月 刊。《Jed》內容包羅萬有,由升學及就業指南、大 學資訊、名人訪談、時裝潮流、烹飪貼十至星座運 程都有。當中較多篇幅介紹各大專學校課程特色及 出路發展。想多了解各大專院校或專業課程的同 學,可於圖書館門外儲物櫃上自由取閱。同學亦可 瀏覽《Jed》網上版,版址: www.ied.com.hk。



《Jed》 4 月號內容簡介

德語之旅深度行

語言課程讓遊客在學習 一項有用技能的同時, 也可感受外國的獨特文 化。本期將介紹在德國 的語文學習課程有何特 色和趣味。

影視製作專才有價 隨著本港電視市場競爭 日趨激烈, 本地電影 和電視系畢業生的前景 亦變得光明。本期將介

紹有關出路。

封面故事 KANO 傳奇背後 介紹最近大受歡迎的電 影 KANO 製作及構思背 後的故事。

高登巴打作畫 捍衛廣東話

訪問《大粵港諺語》 漫畫作者吳甲川對捍 衛廣東話的看法。

閱讀生活

九龍城書節剪影



「九龍城書節」是香港文化界一年一度 的盛事,至今已是第五屆舉行。本年度 以「閱讀生活」為題,意義有兩個層 次:一方面主辦者希望香港人在日常生 活中能養成閱讀的習慣;另一方面生活 就像一本大書,值得我們發掘當中的細 節和趣味。本校閱讀推廣組於 2013 年 12 月就帶領部份同學到訪香港兆基創意 書院,參觀「九龍城書節」,不知同學 當中又發掘到什麼趣味呢?



「九龍城書節」簡介

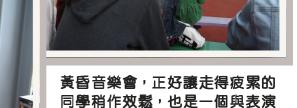
首屆「九龍城書節」於2009年舉辦。有別於一 般書展,「九龍城書節」以多元、互動、文化 氣息濃厚為主要特色。除了會廣激出版社及書 局參與書展外,亦會有「公民地攤」,讓市民 進行二手物或手作工藝品買賣。書展期間亦有 多場講座、工作坊、展覽及表演等活動,使參 加者在購買書藉之餘亦可了解公民社會、文化 藝術議題,擴闊視野。





書節不少角落都擺放了「漂 書地攤」,參觀者可以免費 取走二手書,使舊書得以轉 贈予有心人。當然取書後你 亦可隨心捐款,以協助兆基 創意書院圖書館的營運。

會場的文化地攤,售賣各種工藝品、飾物,亦有二手物品轉售,宣揚「物盡其用」的訊息;甚至有本地有機農產品出售,啟發市民對於本土農業的關注。



場內雲集多間書商擺放書展,以特價出售書籍。當中 更有不少專門售賣少眾書籍,如政治、藝術等。



者交流的好機會。

同學都滿載而歸,場內更有小食出售,可 說是個閱讀嘉年華。 作家講座:由《死在香港》作者陳曉雷主講的講座,使同學對生死有更深刻體會。

怎樣寫好閱書報告

閱讀報告又稱讀後感,顧名思義,是在閱讀後寫下自己的感受和體會的文章。既然稱為「報告」,自然得在文章中介紹書本內容,說 說自己的反思感悟。一般而言,閱讀報告都沒有指定格式,結構上和一般文章無異,大致上可以分為「引入」、「正文」和「總結」三個部份。

引入

- **從旁入手**:先說說自己對某件事的看法,再帶出書本內容。
- 開門見山:單刀直入地說明對選讀作品的看法,或直接了當說明選讀作品給予自己的啟發,接著展開下文的具體論證。
- 引用句子:引用自己最喜歡書中的句子,或引經據典,帶出書本的主題。
- **故弄玄虚**:以問題起筆,引起懸念,吸引讀者的閱讀興趣;接著可以作品內容或日常生活作說明,引入討論,帶出自己的想法。

正文

- 簡單交代作品故事大綱,再分析作者的人生態度。
- 通過自問自答的設問手法,層層深入地說明了自己對書中人物的理解 或對作者立場的看法。
- 對選讀作品中的觀點及道理論證逐一進行反駁;也可運用反問的手法 點出選讀作品的觀點及論證過程有不合理之處。
- 引用作品中人物角色的說話,分析人物性格及評鑑作者的人物塑造手法。
- 分析小說類作品的寫作手法時,除了可以從人物塑造入手外,也可以 分析小說當中的場面描寫、環境布置、氣氛渲染等方面的特點。
- 簡單交代小說情節,並通過描寫角色的經歷,抒發自己從中獲得的體

總結

- 由此及彼,在文章最後聯繫到自身,加強自己與書中人物的共鳴。
- 問句作結,韻味悠長,令人深思,啟發讀者思考。
- 重申論點,突出文章主題,與文章開首互相呼應。

避免常犯錯誤!

要寫好一篇閱讀報告,除了掌握上文所説的結構及技巧外,避免以下常犯錯誤也可以提升閱讀報告的質素。

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	告看似是書本內容撮要或個人心情隨筆。	舉日常生活或個人經歷的例子和書中故事 情節或作者感受作比較。	
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	│ 甚者,只簡述文章內客,又或把故事情節 │ 撮寫一次,完全而沒有交代個人感受。	是翻翻序跋目錄就當自己讀完一本書。先	
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ı	等等,根本想不到有什麼可以寫。有些書	己的閱讀喜好之餘,亦擴闊自己對不同書	
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ı	使認真閱讀、想寫讀後感,也不知道如何	可以寫什麼,那就轉看另一本書吧。選書	
	入手。	時,可選一些與自己生活經驗有關的圖	
1		書,例如有關中學校園生活的小説、關注 香港發展的評論集等。	
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這一期先介紹這些寫閱讀報告的小技巧,下一期《喜閱》再和大家分析一些我校同學的佳作,給各位同學來做個示範。同學如想認識更多撰寫閱讀報告的技巧和方法,可以到圖書館借閱以下兩本參考圖書。

香港教育圖書公司 (2013)。《教你寫好中文閱讀匯報》。 香港:香港教育圖書公司。[到館新書,即將上架]

林耀宗編選 (2003)。《讀後感/讀書報告的寫法和實例》。 香港:香港人人書局有限公司。[索書號:826.1 4495]



荒誕的真實 政治諷刺小說介紹

「國慶日前,天安門地區將換上『新裝』,整體環境煥然一新。……其中新地的石材比以前增厚近一倍,由原來的8厘米增至15厘米,抗碾壓能力更強。」這是2012年9月中旬《京華時報》的一則新聞,就是這樣一篇四平八穩的官樣報導,竟然在新浪微博上被瘋狂轉發了五千多次,因為,在有心的大陸網友眼裏:「最後一句亮了!」

以上的段落來自最近閱讀的一本書《你永遠都無法叫醒一個裝睡的人》(周濂著),在今天的內地社會、甚至是香港,因為政治社會環境的扭曲,使用中文的人被迫變得愈來愈有創意,在內地,沒有「遊行」,只有「散步」;六月四日並不存在,只有「五月三十五日」。

這樣運用文字荒誕麼 ? 還遠不及今天的社會荒誕。法律淪為保障權貴利益的工具,自由民主等人類基本權益成為峨大冠、坐高堂者的施捨……

此刻回看歷史上經典的政治諷刺寓言小說,一一成為最真實的報告文學。所謂「諷刺」據詞 典解釋是「用比喻、誇張等手法對人或事進行揭露、批評或嘲笑。」(《現代漢語詞典》)當我 們面對現實的黑暗與苦悶,未能直接提出控訴,但又如鯁在喉不吐不快;又或者希望透過嘲諷等 方式使控訴更為有力,各類的諷刺小說便應運而生了。以下是幾本合適同學閱讀的心水推介。

蒼蠅王 (Lord of the Flies)

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同學小時可能都閱讀過《金銀島》,敘述了 小孩向大海淮發的冒險故事,說的是友誼與 勇氣。但《蒼蠅王》也是敘述小孩於荒島求 生,卻是一個純潔小孩墮落的故事。故事中 的一群小孩來自以注重禮儀見稱的英國,因 戰爭而被安排乘船往澳洲避難,但途中遇上 海難, 在沒有成人的情況下流落荒島。 起初 這群小孩以民主方式推舉其中最成熟的一位 擔任領袖,建立起互相照顧的秩序,但在充 滿危機的野外環境中,小孩間漸漸受恐懼、 私心、原始的暴力野性所驅使,使原有的秩 序日漸崩潰,最終更使他們互相殘殺……到 底殘害他們的,是荒島惡劣的環境、還是人 類天性中的心魔?故事中最後小孩獲得前來 救援的成人解放,又象徵了什麼?現實中的 人類,又有什麼救贖呢?



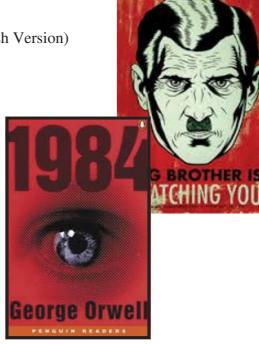
小孩狩獵所得的野豬只剩下頭,長滿了蛆蟲和蒼蠅……唯一 用以生火的眼鏡打碎了,「文明」亦漸漸消失。

1984

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以下介紹的兩本均為英國作家喬治 · 歐威爾的經典小 說。《一九八四》敘述的是 1984 年(小說寫於 1948 年)世界只剩下三個超級大國,而故事的主角溫斯頓 在其中一國大洋國「真理部」從事篡改歷史工作,因 對其所處的社會和領袖「老大哥」產生懷疑,成為思 想犯,在經歷「友愛部」的思想改造之後最終成為了 「思想純潔者」。故事中所描述的世界,只要國家說 「1+1=3」是真理,人民就深信不疑,即使主角負責 的正是將「1+1=2」的證據銷毀,他也沒辦法使任何 人產生對國家的動搖。還有更多更荒誕而又寫實的情 節在小說中——描述,看過這本小說後,你會否更珍 **惜說出「1+1=2」的自由?**





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而《動物農莊》似乎情節比較有趣,仿如電影《寶貝小 豬嘜》一樣,農莊的小動物全都賦予了人性,能說話能 思想,但其實也是諷刺現實的故事。農莊的動物為了爭 取平等,驅逐了勞役他們的人類主人,建立每種動物都 平等的國度,而豬當上了牠們的領袖。可是隨故事的發 展,最終「所有動物都是平等」的最高教條,變成了 「所有動物都是平等,然而有些動物比其他動物更平 等」。這不正是當今社會的最佳寫照嗎?寫知道動物農 莊的最終下場,就從書中去發掘吧!



ALL ANIMALS ARE EQUAL

BUT SOME ANIMALS ARE

NORE EQUAL THAN OTHERS

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現實中的 2013 年已經過去,但陳冠中筆下 2013 年的中 國卻歷歷在目。小說中 2013 年的世界經歷了金融海嘯, 全球經濟陷入冰河時期,只有中國安然避過劫難成為世 界唯一的強國。每個中國人都是興高采烈,充滿了幸福 感,可是卻有一個月所有人都選擇忘記了,好像丟失了 的一個月。只有主角,急急的尋找這丟失的一個月到底 發生什麼事。是什麼促使所有中國人選擇忘記這個月? 到底這個月發生了什麼?留待同學跟隨小說的主角去發 掘。



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喜閱有獎問答

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