



THEME: Dismantling Assumptions and Creating Optimist Alternatives

# SUMMER *Reading*

There will be book talks and schoolwide contests connected to these books in the fall of 2024. Students who participate in the activities will be eligible to win gift cards and other prizes for their work.

Students enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses have their own summer work but are encouraged to participate as well.

Read at least one of the following nonfiction books recommended by the BP staff:

- The Reason I Jump: The Inner Voice of a Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism by Naoki Higashida
  - Humankind: A Hopeful History by Rutger Begman
- How Starbucks Saved My Life: A Son of Privilege Learns to Live Like Everyone Else by Michael Gates Gill
  - Breaking Night: A Memoir by Liz Murray
- No Excuses: The True Story of a Congenital Amputee Who Became a Champion in Wrestling and in Life
  - Spare Parts by Joshua Davis

inspiring people I've ever met." —Arnold Schwarzenegger

# Kyle Maynard No Excuses



Story  
genital  
Who  
a Champion  
ling and

# Breaking Night

liz murray



THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"A wake-up call." —*Star Tribune* (Minneapolis)  
"ing." —*The Hartford Courant*  
"read." —*The Wall Street Journal*



With a New  
Afterword by  
the Author

## Starbucks Saved My Life

of Privilege Learns to  
Like Everyone Else



EL GATES GILL

// joshua davis  
new york times  
bestseller  
// four undocumented  
teenagers, one  
ugly robot, and  
the battle for  
the american dream

"A real good  
tale of accented  
underdogs battling  
long odds... a great  
american story."  
—Peter Carlson,  
*The Washington  
Post*

YOUNG READER'S CHOICE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# SPARE PARTS

THE TRUE STORY OF FOUR UNDOCUMENTED TEENAGERS  
AN UGLY ROBOT AND AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM

Joshua Davis and Reyna Grand



# SPARE PARTS

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# THE REASON I JUMP

The Inner Voice of a  
Thirteen-Year-Old Boy with Autism

NAOKI HIGASHIDA  
Introduction by  
DAVID MITCHELL

Translated by KA Yoshida & David Mitchell

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ever read, it's truly  
moving, eye-opening,  
incredibly vivid."  
—JON STEWART,  
*The Daily Show*

## Humankind

"Humankind changes the  
conversation and lights the  
path to a brighter future."  
—SUSAN CARL, author of  
the #1 Bestseller *Quiet*

A Hopeful  
History

Author of the  
New York Times  
Bestseller  
UTOPIA FOR  
REALISTS

Rutger  
Bregman

"In a sea of cynicism, this  
book is the purely, unshakable  
reboot the world needs."