

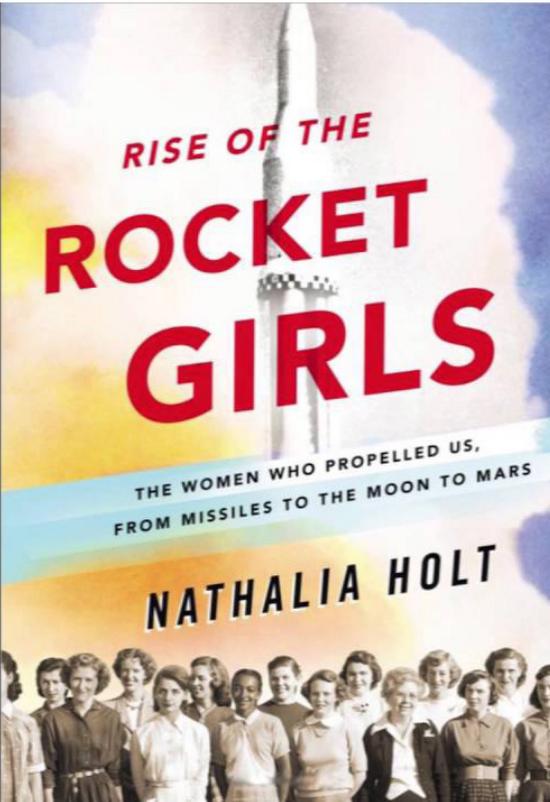
IBET ENGLISH 2017-2018 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE THE HONORS ENGLISH 9 ASSIGNMENT BELOW. IT IS DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

Questions? Contact Suzette Henry (shenry@fcps.edu) or Brian Field (bjfield@fcps.edu)

HONORS ENGLISH 9 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

ALL students are required to read the following text:



Rise of the Rocket Girls by Nathalia Holt

(ISBN-13: 978-0316338929 Publisher: Little, Brown and Company, 2016)

"We take so much for granted now, but in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s, women who wanted a career other than homemaker were mostly limited to becoming teachers, nurses, or secretaries, and there was no such thing as maternity leave. However, a few smart young women who loved math were hired to be human computers for the Jet Propulsion Lab in California. What we think of as computers now hadn't been invented yet. These women spent their days writing equations and computing numbers with pencils, paper, and slide rules to give the male engineers the information they needed to build rockets, satellites, and space shuttles."—from School Library Journal

This text serves as an excellent introduction to themes in the IBET program, but, more importantly, this provocative book should get you thinking about your own values and goals, including your approach to academia, work, society and education in a larger sense.

Please be ready to discuss your reading of this text on the first day of class in the fall. On that first day of class, you must bring to class:

- **ONE** typed page (**please do not submit more than one typed page**)
- 12 pt font
- **DOUBLE-SPACED**
- 3-6 discussion questions you create about the reading
- 2-4 interesting quotations from the text that stood out as important
- Any intriguing ideas or observations generated by reading this book (use the following questions as a STARTING POINT)
 - What did you notice as you read?
 - What questions did the text raised for you?
 - What were your reactions to the text?

As you read this summer, consider taking notes and/or using post-it notes to mark specific passages and keeping a list of individuals' names (which can be confusing in this text - many of them share the same first name!).

Please contact Suzette Henry (shenry@fcps.edu) if you or your parents have any questions about the selection of this text.