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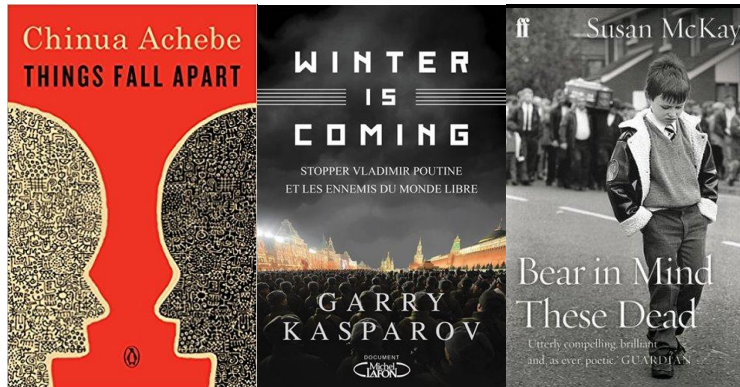
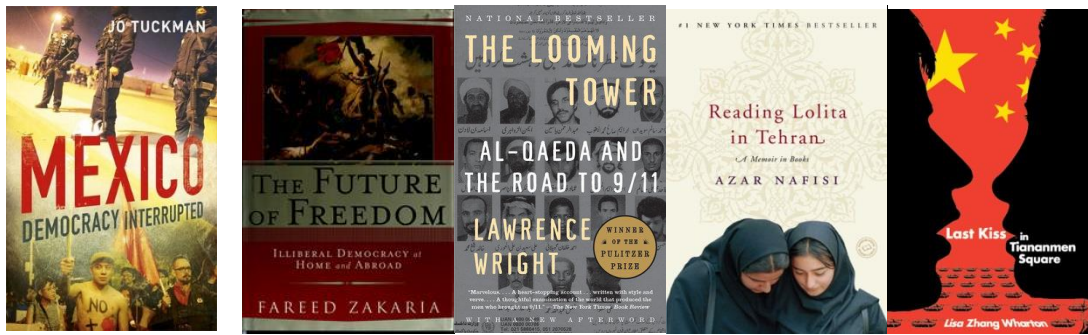
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ASSIGNMENT:

Your work will be due on our first day of class. We recommend that you get started early enough to get as much out of your reading and writing as your able.

Your task is to pick one and read it. Please look at this reading as a summer leisurely read. Enjoy. Hint: the book with the least amount of pages may not be the easiest read.

As you read your book decide on the time period in which it takes place.

Research that time period and describe 3 to 5 international historical events that happened within the 5 years of your books events.

Write a multi-paragraph essay addressing the following prompt.

Do you see the events of your book selection coordinating or contradicting other world events of its time period? Compare and contrast your book with the world scene.

Five paragraphs do not necessarily mean 5 pages. I would limit your essay to 3 pages.

As always, prove to me you read the book.

Have a Great Summer,

Mr. Fitzgerald