

2019

**Summer Reading & Writing Assignment: 9th Grade**  
***The Complete Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi\***

*The Complete Persepolis*, Marjane Satrapi (Pantheon) ISBN 13: 978-0375714832

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Below is your summer reading assignment for the book *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi. This is a memoir in the form of a graphic novel about a girl growing up in Iran during the Revolution of 1979 and the extremist regime that took charge after. It follows her through childhood into her young adult years when her parents, fearing for her safety, send her to live in Europe.

Your assignment is **due on the first day of class**, and we will begin discussing it right away. We will also begin working on a creative writing project relating to *Persepolis*, so please make sure you have read it, completed the work, and are ready to discuss it as soon as you arrive at Idyllwild Arts Academy.

If you have any questions over the summer feel free to email  
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Enjoy the book!

**Writing Assignment:**

On a separate piece of paper (typed if possible), please write a thoughtful paragraph for Questions 1 & 2. For Question 3, your response should be two thoughtful paragraphs. Make sure to include a topic sentence, and to end with a concluding sentence.

- 1) Pick a member of Marjane's family that you find memorable. What about this character do you like or dislike? What is the influence this character has on Marjane's life? Please list the page numbers on which you find this information.
- 2) Why did the author decide to tell her story as a graphic novel? Why not write a traditional memoir? (A novel-like text that might include a small selection of photos.)
- 3) How does Marjane's experience as a teenager relate to your own? Find two instances in the novel that relate to your own experience and discuss them (be sure to include page numbers), and two

instances in the novel that contrast, or are different from, your experience and discuss (again be sure to include page numbers).

\*Make sure that you purchase THE COMPLETE *Persepolis*, there is also an abridged version of the book that contains just the first half of the book, do not purchase the shortened version. The Amazon link for the correct version is:

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