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CCP Science Fiction Summer Assignment

Greetings!

The summer is for reading! Among other things.

For our Science Fiction class this fall, please read *The Foundation* by Isaac Asimov (just book 1, though feel free to continue the series if you feel like it). The book is an excellent example of the best parts of science fiction. It has a massive scale, wild speculation about the nature of humanity and society, and creative application of existing technology and sociology. Besides being a really fun read, Asimov is also one of the most influential writers of science fiction in history and starting with what I think is his most important book will be a great way for us to start the semester.

You will need to purchase a copy of the book which should be widely available in any bookstore or on amazon here: https://www.amazon.com/Foundation-Isaac-Asimov/dp/0553293354/ref=sr_1_1?crid=67GFSJ6T20C9&keywords=the+foundation&qid=1652284727&s=books&sprefix=the+foundation%2Cstripbooks%2C71&sr=1-1

I encourage you to annotate as you read, paying particular attention to understanding how Asimov views both human nature and the nature of society. **When you return, during the first week of school, we will have a test over the book.**

There is no written assignment beyond the test at the beginning of the semester. The test will involve questions of both comprehension and interpretation. This book and the test will help us to start our first major unit, examining the goals and aesthetics of a genre known more for its ideas than its poetry.

I hope you enjoy reading, and I look forward to discussing literature with you in the fall.

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