

2019-2020 Summer Reading

Think Like a Freak by Steven Levitt and Steven Dubner

This book should be completed before the first day of the 2019-2020 school year. Students should expect to discuss this book in earnest as early as the first day, and a quiz within the first three days of school.

This is a wonderfully light-hearted way to introduce some key concepts of economics to new students while also demonstrating that economics is not merely the study of the stock market and businesses, but the study of scarcity and demand of everything in life. I hope you enjoy reading this book and exploring the hidden side of everything!

Steven Levitt and Steven Dubner have written their most revolutionary book yet. With their trademark blend of captivating storytelling and unconventional analysis, they take us inside their thought process and teach us all to think a bit more productively, more creatively, more rationally – to think, that is, like a freak.

Levitt and Dubner offer a blueprint for an entirely new way to solve problems, whether your interest lies in minor lifehacks or major global reforms. As always, no topic is off-limits. They range from business to philanthropy to sports to politics, all with the goal of retraining your brain. Along the way, you'll learn the secrets of a Japanese hot-dog eating champion, the reason an Australian doctor swallowed a batch of dangerous bacteria, and why Nigerian e-mail scammers make a point of saying they're from Nigeria.