

SUMMER READING COURSE LINK

CHOICE TITLE

COURSE TITLE: British Literature (**Grade 11**)

CHOICE TEXT: *Marvel 1602*

AUTHOR: Neil Gaiman

GENRE: Graphic Novel

SUMMARY:

This graphic novel transfers Marvel's classic characters to the Elizabethan period. Nick Fury is still a lethal government operative, but now he's an adviser to Queen Elizabeth. The Queen also relies on magician and doctor Stephen Strange. X-Men mentor Charles Xavier still guides a band of mutant teens, now under the name of Carlos Javier. Carlos's mysterious nemesis has taken on a new job: grand inquisitor of the Spanish Inquisition. Peter Parker (here "Parquah") is still a confused but well-meaning teenager who has yet to be bitten by a radioactive spider. These familiar characters must overcome the issues brought forth by the evil King James of Scotland. And, in classic superhero style, they must save the world. (Amazon.com)

REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE: (DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS)

Students should annotate the graphic novel for the following two themes/topics:

1. instances of good and evil
2. heroic qualities/actions

FIRST DAYS OF CLASS

During the first two days of class, students will use these annotations to create a visual presentation evaluating the effectiveness of the graphic novel's ability to portray the epic battle between good and evil.