AP European History

Summer reading assignment: *Galileo’s Daughter* by Dava Sobel

The expectation is that you will have read the entire book by the time classes begin again in September. You’re encouraged to take notes as you read, as you can then use these to refer to in the future. Sobel’s book is a dual biography of one of the great minds of the Scientific Revolution, Galileo Galilei, and his daughter, Virginia Galilei.

Reading points of focus

- Consider how the relationship between Faith and Science is portrayed in the book
- Consider the role that gender plays in the lives of both father and daughter(s) in that era
- Consider the way in which the author’s sources (both primary and secondary*) color her narrative and analysis

Be prepared to discuss the book in class during the Fall Term

* see Sobel’s bibliography in the back of the book