

AP Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2020

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Readings: This is a writing course(YAY!) Please expect a written test on this material on the first day of school

1. *Tortilla Curtain*, T.C. Boyle, 1995 (Viking Press) – a Novel
2. *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls, 2005 (Scribner) – A Memoir
3. “Letter From the Birmingham Jail,” Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1963)
http://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/letter_birmingham_jail.pdf

Assignment:

Read all three pieces carefully and thoroughly. We recommend you get your own copies of the books so you can annotate them and engage fully with the texts. Print out the Letter, if you can, and annotate(mark it up!). You may borrow a copy from the public library and a limited supply of copies of the books will be available in the main office at CDH. If you have ANY questions or need support on this please email svaughan-fier@c-dh.org

1. **For BOTH books:** choose **FIVE** important quotes from the entire text, meaning the quotes should be spread throughout the book: beginning, middle, and end. Carefully copy and cite the quote: “MLA style” (#). Write one paragraph about each quote, explaining context, meaning, and significance of the quote in terms of the deeper meaning supporting the book’s theme(s) (e.g., money, family, immigration, American dream/lifestyles, etc.). You will have **10 paragraphs** in your final product.
2. **For the essay:** Please read and underline important lines, make notes in the margins, circle words you do not know and look them up to help you understand. We are asking you to comprehend this letter, not to merely read it. This means reading deeply (more than once).

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Background: (This is helpful for the COMPREHENSION).

<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/liberation-curriculum/lesson-plans/activities/part-three-letter-birmingham-jail>

TYPED & MLA FORMATTED, STAPLED
DUE: 1st day of School: NO LATE WORK ACCEPTED

