

AP English Language

Summer Reading

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Due: First day of class

Hello everybody:

We hope you are enjoying your summer.

Here are your Summer Reading assignments:

1. Download and print out a copy of Martin Luther King's "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

<https://www.gracepresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Letter-from-a-Birmingham-Jail-King.pdf>

Read the document carefully and closely. **On your second reading, start to "annotate" your copy.**

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noun

- 1.a note of explanation or comment added to a text or diagram; "marginal annotations"
 - Underline the main points of his argument.
 - Highlight the examples he uses to support his argument.
 - Put your questions in the margins.
 - Put your comments in the margins.
 - Make at least twenty annotations (more would be better) on your document.
 - This process will help you read the document closely.
 - This will also help your instructor see what we need to work on.

2. You are also required to read the following two books over the holidays:

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeanette Walls (Copies available at CDH)

Black Boy by Richard Wright (Bookstores or your local library)

Pick three quotes from various sections of the books that resonate with you, and answer the following questions, one paragraph for each question:

- MLA style and Double-spaced.
- Include a topic sentence for each quote and underline it.
- Make sure you use a variety of different sentence structures.
- Do NOT use slang: e.g., “cool,” “vibe” and so on.
- Be sure to edit and proofread well before completing your final draft.

1. What is the context for the quote? How does it relate to the overall story?

2. Why did you pick this quote? Do you relate to it? If so, in what way? Does it intrigue or mystify you? This paragraph is a personal response, so you may use first-person.

- Each paragraph should be at least 125 words: 250 words for each quote.
- In total, your document will have a minimum of 1500 words.
- Choose quotations from different sections of the books.
- Pay attention to correct MLA style as this will affect your grade.
- Your typed responses are due on the first day of class.

We hope you enjoy these two memoirs. We look forward to seeing you in the fall as you embark on this exciting journey to deepen your understanding, proficiency, and enjoyment of the English language.

Questions:

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