

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading 2020

Welcome to AP Language and Composition! Your success in this class relies on how much *you* are willing to put into it. It is imperative that you read regularly so that you have a wealth of background knowledge. In preparation for the 2020-2021 school year, you are required to read two books:

- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson You should read the original , ISBN-10: 0812994523, published in 2014, ***NOT*** the young adult version.
- A book of your choice that deals with the topic of justice. As this is an AP class, I am asking you to select a book that you have not read previously. I have provided a [list](#) if you would like some recommendations. This list is not exhaustive. The content in the books varies. You can use [Common Sense Media](#) if you would like to look into the content of the book.

School copies of *Just Mercy* are limited; thus, they will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. Please email me at creiser@suffield.org for more information. If we run out of class copies, you will need to acquire the book on your own, either by borrowing from a local library or by purchasing a new or used copy online.

You will use the Summer Reading Google Classroom site to submit your summer reading work. Your responses should be 12 point font, double spaced, and one inch margins. Your work should be proofread and edited to ensure you adhere to the rules and conventions of written English. Your summer reading assignments are due Friday, September 4, 2020.

According to the *Collins Cobuild Dictionary* justice is “fairness in the way that people are treated.”

Prior to reading the two titles, answer the following questions on your Google Doc:

- What is a just society?
- Is the United States a ‘just’ society?

Explain your responses. You are not required to research this topic. Rather, use your own personal experiences to support your responses. Draw on your knowledge of history, current events, and politics.

(Your responses to both questions should be **at least** one page in length.)

After reading the two titles, go back to your initial response to the question: Is the United States a 'just' society?

- Using a different colored font, add to your initial response.

Consider the following questions as you respond:

- What confirmed, challenged, or changed your thinking in regards to your initial response?
- In other words, what would you add to your response, what would you change about your response, and/or how were your ideas/thoughts challenged?

(This should add **at least** one page to your original response.)

Finally, write a reflection, using both of your summer reading titles, which responds to the following:

- What message do both books reveal about justice? How? What similarities and connections did you find between the two titles? Be sure to include both titles and authors in your response.

(This reflection response should total **approximately** two or more pages in length.)