

2019-2020 students of English 5-6H,

Over the course of the upcoming summer, you will be required to complete **two readings** to prepare you for the first semester of your junior year. We hope these readings will provide us with a springboard for discussion when we begin the class together in August and prepare you for the coursework and expectations you will soon see at the college level. Please find information on these readings below.

PART ONE:

During the months of June and July, you will be required to read **one book for pleasure**, and you may select **ANY BOOK** to satisfy this requirement. This should provide you with an opportunity to read something that is of a high interest level to you, so feel free to choose any novel from any genre that appeals to you. You may read this book at your own pace, as some of you may be able to finish a novel in a few days, and others may choose to take a few weeks. Regardless of your final choice, if you tackle a small amount of reading on a daily basis, you should be able to get through at least one pleasure reading book during these two months (hopefully, many of you will choose to read more than one!). When you return to school in August, you will be expected to **share your thoughts on at least one book you read for pleasure through both writing and discussion**. If you need recommendations, feel free to consult your friends, family members, or Mr. Schobert and Mr. Brunner.

PART TWO:

You will also be required to read the **American play *Inherit the Wind*** before the school year begins. You will have three options to obtain a copy of this play:

1. Purchase your own copy online or through a bookstore or check one out through a local library. Having your own copy of the book will help you. (All colleges will insist you purchase your own primary sources for classes.) This allows for highlighting, underlining, and annotating of the text.
2. Access an electronic version of the play at (this link can also be e-mailed to you):
<http://www.frankjones.org/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/wind.pdf>
3. Check out a copy of the play from the Belleville West bookstore when you register for classes in August. There will be limited copies of the play in the bookstore, so this option will be provided on a first come, first serve basis.

You should be able to read through the play fairly quickly in the weeks between registration and the opening day of school, and you can expect **a test and/or writing assignment** designed to assess your understanding of the play during the first week of school.

Please note that these two assignments will constitute your initial grade in English 5-6H, so please put forth your best effort on both. We hope that you enjoy a summer full of rich reading experiences (and some relaxation), and we look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to let us know via e-mail, or feel free to stop by before you leave for the summer.

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