

Summer Reading 2016

College Prep English 12

Mrs. Applegate (lapplegate@wayne-local.com)

Hello, one of my soon to be favorite people. In this document you will find three assignments. All three are due the first day of your senior year. Do yourself a favor and don't wait until the day before school begins as you should know I do not grade late work. And (whew, I sound like a harpy) there will be no make-up work to replace these grades. I use these assignments to gauge where to begin instruction with grammar and writing exercises.

PART 1 – Memoir Reading

Select ONE memoir from the list to read and complete an analysis. Don't hesitate to borrow the book from your public library or purchase a used copy from Amazon or your local book seller. Electronic formats work too. Please choose something that is thought-provoking or interesting to you...the aim here is to learn/grow from your experience with the text.

***Crippled America: How to Make America great Again* by Donald Trump**

***Hard Choices* by Hillary Clinton**

***Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt**

***The Soloist* by Steve Lopez**

***Waiting for Snow in Havana: Confessions of a Cuban Boy* by Carlos Eire**

***I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb**

***A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson**

***American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in US Military History* by Chris Kyle and Scott McEwen**

Augh, none of these titles interest you? Then email me (lapplegate@wayne-local.com) on or before July 1 with your new memoir title and author. Give a brief reason why you think this new title/author would work. I will reply to you about your alternative choice. After all, I am always up for a new read. ☺

PART 2 – Your Analysis

Directions: On another sheet of paper answer all of the following questions after you have read your selected memoir. I am expecting complete sentences and supported observations. In other words - provide support from the text. If you choose to type this document you may email me the attached document by midnight the day before school begins. Do not copy/paste this assignment into the message. Provide a subject heading on your email. If you choose to hand write this document, bring it with you the first day of school.

Memoir Discussion Questions

1. What made you want to read this memoir? Did it live up to your expectations? Why or why not?
2. What do you think motivated the author to share his or her life story? How did you respond to the author's "voice"? Explain.
3. What sort of emotional response do you think the author is trying to elicit from the reader? How can you tell? Provide an explanation.
4. Discuss the book's structure and the author's use of language and writing style. How does the author draw the reader in and keep the reader engaged? Does the author convey his or her story with comedy, self-pity, or something else?
5. Were there any instances in which you felt the author was not being truthful? If so, how did you react to these actions? OR - If all instances mentioned in the memoir were honest, what made them convincingly so?
6. What is the author's most admirable quality? Is this someone you would want to know or have known? Why or why not?
7. What did you like or dislike about the book? Were you glad you read this book? Would you recommend it to a friend? Why or why not? Do you want to read more works by this author? Provide specifics and/or explanations for each.

Works cited Example for Kindle Readers:

Works Cited

Rowling, J. K. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 1999. Kindle digital file.

Parenthetical citation:

Add the parenthetical citation information at the end of the relevant sentence (Rowling Ch. 2, location 17, par. 2).

For questions regarding MLA please use Purdue's OWL <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/11/>

Name _____

Complete all practice tests by the first day of school.

PART 3 – REVIEW

Directions: Log on to **<http://majortests.com>** to take the online critical reading/practice tests. You will need to print out the scores for each test OR you may record them on this/another sheet of paper for reference.

Do your best for each section - note which sections are more difficult (lower scores) and which sections are easier (higher scores) for you as these will be target areas in the coming academic year. CP English 12 requires students to know how to write clearly, effectively, correctly – by employing the English rules of grammar and mechanics as well as a wide use of vocabulary.

Log on and go to the SAT section...**<http://majortests.com/sat/>**

Complete the following exercises ONLY:

Practice SAT Writing > Grammar

- Identify sentence errors test 1 Score: _____ out of _____ possible
- Sentence correction test 1 Score: _____ out of _____ possible
- Editing in context test 1 Score: _____ out of _____ possible

Practice SAT Critical Reading

- Sentence completion test 4 Score: _____ out of _____ possible
- Sentence completion test 5 Score: _____ out of _____ possible
- Reading comprehension test 4 Score: _____ out of _____ possible
- Reading comprehension test 5 Score: _____ out of _____ possible

I will be checking my email. Don't hesitate to send questions or comments about the readings or assignments! (lapplegate@wayne-local.com)