

June 2020

Dear Pre-AP English II Student:

We regret that the current global health crisis precludes our One Book One School program this year, but we encourage you to engage frequently in any type of reading activity to keep your skills sharp as you rest and recharge over the summer.

Additionally, you are required to complete the following Albert assignments before the start of school on September 1, 2020. You will access these assignments through your 9th grade English Albert classroom (Labeled in Folders 2019-2020 College English I Summer Reading):

1. The Dancing Plague of 1518: What is the source of - and the solution to - “mass hysteria”?
  - a. 900L - The Curse of St. Vitus: Stress, Religion, and the Psychology of a Dancing Plague
2. World War II: What is the difference between history and historical memory?
  - a. 900L - “The Greatest Generation”: Hero Narratives and the Second World War
3. National Service Programs: Should volunteering be mandatory?
  - a. 990L - From de Tocqueville to Kennedy: The Question of National Service in U.S. History
4. Ho Feng Shan: How can hidden bravery help save the lives of thousands of people?
  - a. 950 L - Things Grew Worse
5. Sylvia Rivera: How did someone who made such a resounding impact on today’s world become a forgotten trailblazer?
  - a. 950L - Led a Movement
6. Zombies and Popular Culture: Why are zombies such fixtures in American popular culture?
  - a. 930L - A Haitian Voodoo
7. Presidential Portraits: How have these portraits changed throughout time and what do these changes say about society?
  - a. 950L - The Portrait Has Changed
8. The Pros and Cons of High School Athletic Programs: Should high schools fund their athletic programs?

- a. 940L - Aimed to Prepare Children for Life

\*Folder contains all of the above listed for College English I PLUS

1. Censoring Huck Finn: Should the offensive language in classic works be sanitized to ensure that the works are still widely read in public schools?
  - a. 920L - Distorting the Meaning of the Text
2. Stem Cell Research: Are the potential risks worth the potential costs?
  - a. 960L - A Game Changer

This will be the first grade of the new school year in your English class. The assignments will be graded on effort/time spent as well as the score. This is not an assignment that can be completed in the last week of August. We recommend you manage your time wisely by completing one assignment each week.

Have a healthy, safe, and fun summer! We look forward to our return to school in September.

Sincerely,

Members of the English Department