

# MFHS AP Language & Composition

## SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Dear Future Student,

Please read all pages of this packet for details about your required summer reading assignment.

→ Choose one of the following books to purchase and read before over the summer break.

- ◆ *Educated* by Tara Westover
- ◆ *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
- ◆ *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- ◆ *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

Note: Please look over summaries available at Goodreads.com to help you choose a book that is a **good fit for you**; consult with your parents if you are unsure if the topics discussed are best for you.

- **Summer Assignment Overview:** Create a **dialectical journal** (*see following page for more specific instructions*) that chronicles your close reading. Your submission should include a minimum of 20 entries. These entries should span the entire book; they should not only be from the first 100 pages. Your journal must be typed using the format demonstrated on the instruction page. The grading rubric is provided with this packet as well.

→ Be prepared for the following:

- ◆ summer assignment to be turned in the first Monday after school begins
- ◆ small group discussions over the book during the first full week of school
- ◆ an essay over the book during the two weeks of school
- ◆ a test over the book within the first two weeks of school

→ Recommendations:

- ◆ Annotate your book for rhetorical moves (refer to suggestions on attached documents) as you read.
- ◆ Pay close attention and make note of issues that are relevant to our world today.
- ◆ Pay close attention and make note of lessons learned through the experiences of the author.
- ◆ Pay close attention to personal philosophies, ways of thinking, ideas that could be argued.

**IMPORTANT note for this assignment and the entire school year:** As with most major works, study guides such as SparkNotes are probably available online. Online resources, however, are not always reliable sources for information about, or interpretation of, works. They often contain significant mistakes and they certainly remove any chance of original thought. **The intelligent approach, obviously, is to read the primary source (the work itself) and to attempt analysis and interpretation yourself.** Use of online sources are appropriate only for review, or, occasionally, clarification. Assignments, tests, and essays are based on primary texts. **Be careful to avoid plagiarizing outside sources - your work must be YOUR thinking.** Plagiarism is a serious form of cheating that will not be tolerated, especially in an Advanced Placement course. If you need further clarification, please ask me for guidance.

I hope you enjoy reading your book, and I look forward to seeing you the first day back to school. If you have any questions or concerns, contact me by email: [smeyer@mfisd.txed.net](mailto:smeyer@mfisd.txed.net)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Shannon Meyer