

English II Summer Reading and Writing Assignment

Due: AUGUST 15, 2018

WHEN and HOW to Submit:

- **WHEN:** This assignment is due by AUGUST 15, 2018. You CAN submit earlier if you finish it before that date.
 - **HOW:** You must write me an e-mail that introduces yourself. Tell me anything that you think would be helpful or interesting for me to know about you--your goals, fears, strengths, weaknesses, etc. Once you've written your email, attach your Google Doc with the completed assignment below. *Make sure that it is shared with me or it WILL be counted as a late assignment.* Send your e-mail (with the attached summer assignment) to cconnor@thefsi.us.
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SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Part I

1. PERUSE both of the sites linked below. They include a total of 250 well-written, nonfiction essays by established authors on a variety of topics.
[100 Fantastic Pieces of Journalism from *The Atlantic*](#)
[The Electric Typewriter: Great Articles and Essays by the World's Best Journalists and Writers](#)
2. SELECT three essays from the selection above.
3. READ all three essays.

Part II

1. REVIEW/LEARN the characteristics of a constructed response [HERE](#).
2. CHOOSE a *different* prompt for each essay that you read → You will write one constructed response for **each** essay that you read, so you will write a total of THREE constructed responses.

PROMPT CHOICES

1. How does the author use **rhetoric** to advance his/her point throughout the text? Use evidence from the text to support your argument.
2. How is the **theme** developed throughout the text? Use evidence from the text to support your argument.
3. How is the author's **purpose** developed throughout the text? Use evidence from the text to support your argument.
4. How is the **tone** developed throughout the text? Use evidence from the text to support your argument.
5. How does the **writing style** contribute to the **main idea** of the text? Use evidence from the text to support your argument.
6. Identify a **symbol** and explain how it contributes to a major **theme** from the text. Use evidence from the text to support your argument.

3. Open a Google Doc and WRITE a constructed response for *each* of the three essays you read in Part 1. Again, you will write THREE constructed responses total.
 - REQUIREMENT 1: Make sure to copy and paste the appropriate prompt above the corresponding constructed response so I know which question you're answering!
 - REQUIREMENT 2: Make sure to copy and paste the link to the appropriate essay above the corresponding constructed response so I know which essay you're writing about!

Part III -- HONORS ONLY

1. On the same Google Doc as Part 2, respond to the following prompt in the form of a constructed response (this will be your 4th--and last!--constructed response...for now).
 - **Prompt:** Choose two of the three essays that you read and explain one way in which the writing styles differ. Use evidence from both texts to support your answer.

YOU'RE DONE! Follow the instructions at the top of the page to correctly submit your assignment. E-mail me at cconnor@thefsi.us if you have any questions.