

Summer 2019 ELA summer assignments for incoming 8th graders- Ms. Koch

In addition to the literature assignments from Mr. Febres Cordero, please complete the following:

1. Purchase a compositional notebook (no spiral notebooks allowed!) and decorate the cover. This will be your freewrite journal for the upcoming school year. We will work on different writing techniques in the journal and it will be a staple in your ELA education in middle school. You can decorate the cover by: cutting out images of things that have meaning to you, words that inspire you, pictures of people/things that hold special significance, stickers, ticket stubs, and other trinkets that you would like to preserve and reflect upon during the course of the year. When finished, PLEASE TAPE DOWN the cover so that the cover withstands wear-and-tear for the year. You can purchase CLEAR PACKING TAPE (not scotch tape) or CLEAR STICKY BOOK COVERS to do this. Please bring the DECORATED freewrite journal to school on the FIRST day of school.
2. Choose 1 item from the list below. Please watch/read and do the next assignments.
 - a. MOVIE: "Pursuit of Happyness"
 - b. BOOK: Outcasts United by Warren St. John
3. Students will either watch the movie OR read the book. Then they will pick 3 pivotal/important moments or scenes from either story and they will write 3 reflection entries pretending that they are a particular character responding to that pivotal moment. "Dear Diary, today... signed, _____". Each entry must be typed, Times New Roman, font 12, double spaced, and minimum of 15 sentences each. Please print and bring with you on the FIRST day of school.
4. This summer, the middle school team would like to hear from you! Please write/type a letter that addresses the following reflection questions: (organize how you see fit)
 - a. Reasons I am looking forward to 8th grade are...
 - b. I am the most nervous about...
 - c. I know I need help with... because...
 - d. I am very strong with... (organizing, study tips, etc) ... because...
 - e. I can't wait for you to continue to learn about me that I...
 - f. Can we please incorporate... into the school day/house event/activity?

Please address it to:

OLP Middle School Team
240 Bleecker Street
New York, NY 10014

5. Students may log into their FRECKLE accounts from this year and work on assignments as additional practice.

Enjoy your summer! ☺

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