

Summer 2018 ELA summer assignments for incoming 8th graders- Ms. Koch

In addition to the literature assignments from Mr. Febres Cordero or Mr. Lubert, 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 5 pivotal/important moments or scenes from either story and they will write 5 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. Based on your movie/book choice, your 3rd assignment is to purchase, address, and send a postcard to OLP pretending that you are a main character from the movie/book that you chose. You will write a short message to go along with your postcard staying in character. You can send the postcard from home or from your travels this summer. Please address it to:

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

5. Students will log into their FRONTROWED/FRECKLE accounts from this year and work on the assignments that have been posted for them to complete.

Enjoy your summer! ☺

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