Here are my thoughts on summer work. I want it to be meaningful, enjoyable, and reasonable. Overloading you with tedious assignments just to “set the tone” for the class isn’t my style and doesn’t really benefit you (remember this when we're reading and writing a lot during the school year!). The only tone I want to set is one of reading texts you find interesting and maybe exploring some ideas about life.

**Part I: Join Google Classroom**

All summer work information will be listed there. You will also submit your summer work in GC (work can be submitted anytime between May 20th and August 20th). I look forward to seeing you on the first day of your **SENIOR** year!

The GC code is: xe5wr22

v**Part II: Required Reading/Work**

1. Select at least 1 poem (from list) to read and complete the analysis assignment. Then, submit to Google Classroom by Sunday, August 20th at 11:59 pm.
	1. [“I Am Offering This Poem”](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/53092/i-am-offering-this-poem) - Jimmy Santiago Baca
	2. [“The Fish”](https://poets.org/poem/fish-2) - Jimmy Santiago Baca
	3. [“The Sun Rising”](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/44129/the-sun-rising) - John Donne
	4. [“Funeral Blue”](https://allpoetry.com/Funeral-Blues) - W.H. Auden
2. Select at least 1 short story (from list) to read and complete assignment in Google Classroom by Sunday, August 20th at 11:59 pm.
	1. [“Story of an Hour”](https://www.katechopin.org/story-hour/) - Kate Chopin
	2. [“Girl”](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=YnJvb2tmaWVsZHBzLm9yZ3xuaWNob2xzX2VuZ2xpc2h8Z3g6M2Y3MjNkMjMxNGIxNTdlYw) - Jamaica Kincaid
	3. [“Two Kinds”](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=dWVpLXNjaG9vbHMub3JnfGVsYS05LWlzcmVhbHxneDoyOTI2MDMwZGY4NzhhNzg1) - Amy Tan

Everyone will be required to read the same book over the summer. You may get a copy from Mrs. LaCroix or the BHS office any time during the summer. You may also choose to read using the PDF linked below.

[***Tuesdays with Morrie***](https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbnxtc2hvZmZtYW5zZW5nbGlzaGNsYXNzfGd4OjQzMmQwZGNiZmM4NDZjMjg) ***-* Mitch Albom**

This book is a true story about a teacher, Morrie, and his student, Mitch. It is an easy read and will give you advice about life. *Tuesdays with Morrie* is not a book that has very high literary merit. It is not at the level of rigor of the other books you will read in AP literature, however, it does have great life lessons. It has high merit in the course of life! I enjoy reading this with my seniors each year. You will not be required to annotate as you read this novel. Just enjoy it! However, you will use the content of this book to complete your first timed essay of the year the first week of school. So, don’t skip out on reading it!

**Part III: Optional Reading**

This is a list of some of the works we will be reading throughout the school year. You are NOT required to read all, or any, of these this summer. However, if you are a slower reader, it may help to get a jumpstart. We will be reading these works, along with others, rather quickly throughout the year. If you are someone who is involved in a lot of activities/clubs and you are taking several advanced courses, you may want to think about reading during the summer when your workload isn’t as heavy. There will not be an assignment with any of these books, but please feel free to take notes if you’d like.

[*Frankenstein*](https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/frankenstein.pdf) *-* Mary Shelley

[*The Great Gatsby*](https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/the-great-gatsby.pdf) *-* F. Scott Fitzgerald

[*A Raisin in the Sun*](https://genius.com/Lorraine-hansberry-a-raisin-in-the-sun-act-i-scene-i-annotated?scrlybrkr=dc8f318c) *-* Lorraine Hansberry

[*Macbeth*](https://www.williamshakespeare.net/ebook-macbeth.jsp) *-* William Shakespeare

[*Nickel Boys*](https://www.amazon.com/Nickel-Boys-Novel-Colson-Whitehead/dp/0385537077) *-* Colson Whitehead (\*this is a possibility)

[*A Thousand Splendid Suns*](https://www.amazon.com/Thousand-Splendid-Suns-Khaled-Hosseini/dp/159448385X)or [*The Kite Runner*](https://www.amazon.com/Kite-Runner-Khaled-Hosseini/dp/159463193X/ref%3Dsr_1_1?crid=2DHZIV5KBVPL4&keywords=The+Kite+Runner&qid=1652464571&s=books&sprefix=the+kite+runner%2Cstripbooks%2C75&sr=1-1) - Khaled Hosseini (\*these titles are possibilities)

[*Sing Unburied Sing*](https://oceanofpdf.com/authors/jesmyn-ward/pdf-epub-sing-unburied-sing-download-80411524325/) - Jesmyn Ward (\*this is a possibility)

[*How to Read Literature Like a Professor*](https://www.slps.org/cms/lib/MO01001157/Centricity/Domain/2495/howtoreadliteraturelikeaprofessor_ft.pdf) *-* Thomas C. Foster

You do not have to annotate the book because I just want you to enjoy reading and not be slowed down by marking (there will be plenty of time for that during class). You may use a Kindle version, borrowed library book, or the PDFs available here. I will have copies available for borrowing if needed.

Enjoy your summer! I look forward to seeing you in August.

If you have any questions throughout the summer, please feel free to email me.

All the best!

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