

Juniors – AP Language

Summer reading is mandatory for Advanced Placement English classes and is due August 18th. Summer reading assignments are intended to provide support for the material you will be covering during the year. It is important that you put your best effort forward. Any assignment plagiarized in part or whole will automatically receive a “0” grade. Your ability to not only think independently but also to express your thoughts is vital to your success in AP English. I look forward to reading your perspectives.

AP Language primarily focuses on non-fiction. One of the main goals of AP Language is to be able to dissect a work to determine the speaker/author’s PURPOSE and HOW he/she uses language to achieve that purpose.

You will choose ONE of the following books:

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah

OR

Becoming by Michelle Obama

OR

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by JD Vance

** Some of these books may contain mature content and language. If you need help making a selection, email me.

For each chapter or obvious break in the text, you will:

- Identify 5 quotes that specifically stand out to you. For each quote you will write a short explanation (2-3 sentences) of WHY it matters.
- You will then write a short summary (4-6 bullet points) for each chapter or obvious break in text.
- At the completion of the novel, you will write a paragraph (6-8 sentences) that explains what you believe the overall purpose of the novel is and how the author achieved that purpose.

Your assignment must be typed and formatted with the chapter name and/or number as a heading for each section. You will turn in a printed copy of your assignment as well as an electronic copy to turnitin.com on Tuesday August 18th. You will register for turnitin when we return in fall.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to email me at jenniferetz@opsb.net.