

2020 Summer Assignments AP English Language and Composition

Task One

Background: Human frailty takes many forms in our lives. It's seen in our physical ailments and disabilities, as well as our mental and emotional shortcomings. These include, but are not limited to, the lack of understanding and limited perception that we bring into situations and relationships. In addition, the human weakness in those around us significantly impacts us as well. It's impossible to avoid the biases, prejudices, fears, and angers in the words and actions of loved ones, friends, neighbors, classmates, and co-workers. Much of this frailty both stems from and contributes to the frailty in the various institutions in our society, including the education, media, and judicial systems. Thus whether we look within or without, we can see faults and failings.

Readings: *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi
 Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Task: You will be writing an in-class essay during the first week of school. You should come to school with an outline (thesis, supporting arguments, and specific examples / details from both texts).

Essay Question: **What role does human frailty play in defining a person's life?**

Essay Notes: Human frailty plays many roles, several of which are depicted in the assigned texts, in defining a person's life. Your thesis should make a **specific claim** about **one** role that you see in **both** texts. Each of your body paragraphs should offer a different way in which you will prove that your claim is valid from both texts. Your thesis and supporting arguments should set forth **your** unique perspective and reasoning. Use the texts to illustrate and support **your ideas**.

You need to obtain your own copies of the texts needed for the essay.

Task Two

Learn the literary terms defined and described in the "Literary Terms" packet under the "Reading Links" heading at www.damianstorey.com/home/ap-english-iii . (A link to Mr. Storey's website can also be found under "Useful Links" on Mr. Hunt's school website.) Your grasp of these will also be assessed during the first week of school.

AP Summer Institute

Sessions for AP English Language and Composition are being offered during the following weeks: **June 29 - July 2 ... July 6-9 ... July 13-16 ... July 20-23.** (There is no charge.) Sessions will run from 8:30–11:30 AM each day. (Teaching segments will be recorded and made available to registered students.) You can register through Piscataway Community Education. Go to the district home page and click on "Community Pass." ... **Your participation in ONE of these sessions is strongly urged.**