

AP Language & Composition: Summer Assignments

READING

There is no written product associated with either book, but both books should be completed by the time you return to school in August. These books will be used for assignments in the first couple weeks of school, so you will not have time to speed-read them at that moment.

- 1) ***A Just Mercy*** by Bryan Stevenson
- 2) **A novel of your choosing**

Note: Tell Mr. Weise which book you are reading before May 27.

WRITING

Both of these essays are diagnostic, which means that their purpose is for Mr. Weise to get a sense of where your writing skills are starting out (so that he can support you in reaching the advanced expectations of this course). This means you SHOULD do your best but should NOT solicit any outside help on these assignments—they will only be graded for completion.

- 1) Argumentative Essay Prompt: **Is the American justice system broken?**
Note: Your essay may draw on A Just Mercy, other research, and/or your own personal experience. The only requirement is that you take a clear position and support it with reasons and/or evidence.
- 2) Reflective Essay Prompt: **Reflect on a place that holds a special significance for you.**
Note: You can take this prompt where you want—it can be narrative, descriptive, philosophical, poetic, or any combination of the above. The point of this activity is for me to get to know your voice as a writer. It should still be in SAE but does not need to be quite as formal as the argumentative essay.

Requirements:

- MLA format (no title page required): Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced
- 500-1000 words
- Written according to the conventions of Standard American English (SAE)
- **Email essays to Mr. Weise (weisefi@scsk12.org) by July 31 @ 11:59 PM.**