

## **English II Pre-AP: Summer Assignment**

### **READING**

***Native Son*** by Richard Wright

*Note: Mr. Weise has copies of the book that you can borrow over the summer, or you can check the book out from the library or acquire it on your own.*

*Content Warning: This story does contain violence, including sexual violence. If you would rather not read this book you may request an alternative from Mr. Weise.*

### **WRITING**

This essay is a diagnostic, which means that its 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.

Prompt: Write an essay in response to the question: **“Why do people commit violent acts?”**

*Your essay MAY draw on Richard Wright’s Native Son but should not be simply an analysis of the book. You should develop your own opinion, drawing on your own experience, the novel, or other sources for support as you see fit.*

### **Requirements:**

- MLA format (no title page required): Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced
- 300-500 words
- Written according to the conventions of Standard American English
- **Email essays to Mr. Weise ([weisefi@scsk12.org](mailto:weisefi@scsk12.org)) by July 31 @ 11:59 PM.**