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Summer Assignment 2023 for Advanced English II

Welcome to Advanced English II! We commend you for choosing the advanced English program, and we are thrilled that you have decided to enroll in our course. This will be a busy year, but it will be a fun and rewarding one as well. We promise to work hard to prepare you for the challenge. Let's get started!

New for this year, we have created a Canvas course in which you will self-enroll. The Canvas course includes these same directions, but it also has all the texts and links you will need. Enroll here: <https://emsisd.instructure.com/enroll/GKE69W> or, alternatively, you can go to <https://emsisd.instructure.com/register> and use the following join code: **GKE69W**. Then, click on the Advanced English II button to access your summer reading texts.

Every student who will be enrolled in Advanced English II during the 2023-2024 school year will choose one multimodal text set (which includes a print text and a podcast or TED talk) at the bottom of this letter. We want you to focus on multimodal texts because the definition of text has evolved. International Literacy Association (ILA) has defined literacy as the ability to identify, understand, interpret, create, compute, and communicate using visual, audible, and digital materials across disciplines and in any context.

When school starts, you will be writing an extended constructed response over your selected text set during the first two weeks of the school year. We encourage you to annotate (take notes) as you read by marking or noting 6-10 specific quotes/passages that stretch your thinking and/or speak to you in a profound way. You will be able to use your annotations as you craft your constructed response during class, so please be prepared to use text evidence to discuss connections and theme(s) across your text set. You might also use the simple annotation method (a combination of notes in margins and your own notes on the digital texts) below:

! = anything I agree with, am interested in learning more about, or enjoyed
? = anything that I question or need more information about
X = anything I disagree with or feel was not presented with enough evidence
Circle or highlight = anything that was particularly poignant, beautiful, or worth repeating

Choose ONE of these text sets (you will find the texts and links in the above Canvas course):

#1	#2	#3
<u>READ:</u> Chapter I of <i>A Long Way Gone</i> <u>WATCH:</u> Angela Duckworth's TED Talk, "Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance"	<u>READ:</u> Chapter I of <i>Obsessed</i> <u>LISTEN TO:</u> Anthropocene Reviewed Podcast of "The Yips and CNN" (only listen until 8:25):	<u>READ:</u> "The Danger of a Single Story" <u>WATCH:</u> Robin Hauser's TED Talk, "The Likeability Dilemma for Women Leaders"

If you have any additional questions, please contact any of the EMS teachers listed below. We look forward to working with you next year!

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