

AP Language & Composition Summer Reading 2017

The teachers of West Shore Christian Academy believe it is important for students to continue to work on acquiring, maintaining and improving reading and analysis skills through the summer months as well as appreciating literature and reading for personal enjoyment. To that end, the teachers in the English department have put together the following list of required titles for AP Language & Composition students. Students are to complete the assigned reading and the essay assignment **due the first day of class**.

All AP Language & Composition students should read:

The Help by Kathryn Stockett

and choose one of the following nonfiction works:

The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore

Killers of the Dream by Lillian Smith

Sidewalk by Mitchell Duneier

Nickel and Dimed by Barbara Ehrenreich

I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi.

In an essay of no less than 1200 words (in MLA format) and using examples from both of these books, answer the following question: "Why is it important to learn about the challenges other people face even when one is not facing them him or her self?" You may use other sources and examples and will likely have to do so to offer historical context to support your discussion. This will be due the first day of class and count for 10% of your first marking period grade. We will also use your essay to assess your writing and then meet to discuss and set writing goals for you for the semester, so make sure it's your best work!

