

English 3AP – Summer 2020

Dear Incoming English 3AP Students,

For the first time EVER in my fifteen years teaching this course, I am not requiring a summer assignment this year. Current circumstances, along with the many unknowns about the coming school year, make it impractical to rely on the strategies I have employed in my past teaching of this course, and that includes the summer assignment. HOWEVER – do not mistake this for an indication of the rigor of the course itself. My expectations are high.

Please understand that you will be entering a course that will ask a great deal of you in terms of reading and writing skills. I highly recommend that you practice both skills regularly this summer.

First: READ. Keep informed on current events; explore a book (or two or three!) you have been curious about – I can even recommend some if you ask; choose an opinion writer and follow everything they publish; listen to a few new podcasts.

Also: WRITE. Start a journal or a blog. Write poems or short stories or song lyrics or essays. Participate in an online discussion forum about something you are interested in. Write letters to family and friends. Visit with an older relative and have them tell you stories of their lifetime; write those stories down. If you'd like, write a letter of introduction to me and send it via email (aduff@tusd.net) or via Remind; tell me why you're taking the class, what you hope to learn, what you want to work on in your reading and writing skills, what sort of student you are, etc. I would love to get a jumpstart on getting to know you.

Believe me: this is NOT the situation I imagined for the beginning of our relationship as students and teacher. But we'll get down to business soon enough. In the meantime, take care of yourself and get ready to learn about the power of language.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or Remind – I will check these platforms periodically throughout the summer.

I look forward to getting to know each of you!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Duff