

Humor and Satire Summer Reading Assignment
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Rationale: The summer reading assignment will be your first look at satirical works in preparation for the course. This should help you prepare for a semester of other satirical works, and the function it serves in society.

Assignment:

Please complete the following steps over the course of this summer:

1. Choose and obtain a copy of *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris. You will be reading three essays from this collection: “Go Carolina,” “You Can’t Kill the Rooster,” and “Me Talk Pretty One Day.” You can find the book [here](#).
2. Or, you may choose to buy a hard copy if you so desire (only buy a copy if you would like to read all of the essays in the collection)
3. There are three questions that apply to all of the essays you read:
 - a. What is the essay about?
 - b. How is the essay satirical?
 - c. Is the essay humorous? If so, provide details as to how this is so. If you didn’t find it humorous, explain why not.

Satire, as defined by Merriam-Webster:

: a literary work holding up human vices and follies to ridicule or scorn

: trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly

Source: <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/satire>

Due Date: The assignment is due on the third class of the year. Please stay away from any websites that might sway your opinion of the book. If you have any questions regarding this assignment, please feel free to contact us at: dilworthdh@sf.edu.mx.