

DAILY READING/WRITING

June - July 15

Purchase the novel [The Nickel Boys](#) by Colson Whitehead

You will discover that the novel chronicles the life of Elwood, a young black student growing up in the Jim Crow south. The novel, moment by moment, gives you a single person's life, and when you extrapolate Elwood's experience, you begin to understand more deeply our nation's longstanding crisis—not the COVID crisis—but crisis of racial bias, systemic racism and oppression.

Create a writer's journal in which you chronicle your reaction to the reading. Write every day, even if it is only a single sentence. Date each entry. Don't fudge it. If you don't write, don't pretend you did. ***Post your completed journal as an assignment in Google Classroom on or before July 15.***

July 15 - August 15

Purchase the play [Sweat](#) by Lynn Nottage.

You will discover that the play anticipates the current moment of economic, class, race and gender turmoil. Continue in your journal, every day. When you finish reading, write a response to the following prompt.

Novels and plays often help us understand our current moment by creating fictionalized situations set in the recent and not-so-recent past. In a well-organized and fully-developed essay, show how [The Nickel Boys](#) and [Sweat](#) help you understand our current, highly political, moment. Your audience for this response is comprised of your Tilton School peers, not English teachers. Please use the diction, syntax, and grammar appropriate to the intended audience. ***Post a draft of your response piece and your journal in Google Classroom on or before August 15.***

August 15 - September (Before classes begin)

We'll start with *Oedipus Rex* and *Antigone*. Read both before class starts in September. You can get these free, online. Write every day in your journal. Develop an idea about the two plays! What do these characters and their plots teach us about who we are in the current moment? ***Post your draft and your journal in Google Classroom on or before September 9.***

Throughout the Summer: Google Classroom

Read the posted material on the AP Lit 20-21 Google Classroom page. Check this page weekly, commenting thoughtfully when prompted.