

## AP English Language and Composition *Summer 2021 Reading Assignment, Mr. Nelson*

- Assignment #1 is due on Google Classroom by August 1.
- Assignments #2 is due on Google Classroom by Aug 22
- Assignment #3 is due on the first day of class.

You will need to read three books over the next months, though I hope you'll read more than that.

Regular reading of essays and other nonfiction texts such as opinion pieces in newspapers or magazines is particularly encouraged.

1. Read *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk & E.B. White. On lined paper, take detailed, legible notes on a minimum four concepts that are **new to you** per section for Sections I-V (a minimum total of 20 concepts). Be sure to include the clarifying examples so that your notes will be a useful reference for you.

2. Read *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley. Complete no fewer than two pages of handwritten notes of original reflection, considering what ideas the text explores concerning 1) technology AND 2) government and power structure. Your notes should show in-depth reflection and include relevant quoted passages from the text, in MLA format.

3. Read *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich. You should make an index card's worth (2 sides) of legible, hand-written notes for each section of the book (there are four sections), which you can use for the writing and discussion assignment we will do in class during the first week of school. Bring your four note cards with you **on the first day** of class in the fall.

You are encouraged to purchase copies of these books at area bookstores or online; or online versions of the books are available on my (Mr. Nelson's) Google Classroom.

**All notes on the Ehrenreich and Huxley texts must be your own original thinking. Do not consult "reading guides"--online or otherwise as you read. Any un-cited, borrowed language or ideas will be treated as plagiarism. Consult the *Purdue OWL* website for proper MLA citation style.**

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