

Advanced Placement Language & Composition
2021-2022 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
Staples High School

Texts: You can sign out a copy of a text in the SS office (2035) by Tuesday 6/22.

- *Essays of E. B. White* by E. B. White (packet)
 - *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*, by Frank Bruni (available for sign out in 2035 through Tuesday 6/22)
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Assignment 1

Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be (ISBN 978-1455532681)

*You can pick up a copy from the Eng. Dept. in 2035 by Monday 6/21 or are welcome to purchase your own copy for annotating.

Optional background info: Biography, Frank Bruni:

<https://archive.nytimes.com/www.nytimes.com/ref/dining/bruni-bio.html>

Bruni's title allows us to infer the claim of the book. Before you read, start by creating a sentence that captures it (you can revise this sentence as you read, as needed).

Read the entire book; this includes the Introduction and the Afterword.

For *any* 5 chapters AND either the Introduction OR Afterword, make notes:

- How does this chapter relate/connect to the claim suggested in the title?
- Briefly outline the reasoning and supporting evidence in the chapter (does not need to be in complete sentences, should not include quotations); your outlines should be no more than a page per chapter;
- Identify one (or more) craft choices/style moves you see Bruni making.

Your notes should be no longer than one page per chapter.

Assignment 2 →

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Essays of E. B. White (pick up packet in 2035 by 6/21)

Optional background info: Biography, E. B. White

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/E-B-White>

Read all ten essays and the Forward in the folder.

[Link To Essay Folder](#) (you must be logged in to your WPS account to access)

Choose SEVEN to analyze. For each of your seven selected essays, make notes:

- **What is White saying?** In other words, what is White's *message*? What does the essay argue?
- **Why is he saying it?** In other words, what *purpose* does he seek to accomplish? What does he want his readers to think, feel, do or believe after reading this essay?
- **How is he saying it?** Identify at least five (5) *craft choices per essay* and explain how these choices function to enhance or convey White's message.

Your notes should be no longer than one page per essay.