

11th Grade- Honors Summer Reading

These assignments are due the **second day** of school. If not turned in, you will be placed in regular English- NO EXCEPTIONS!

Part One – Just Mercy, The Young Adult Version by Bryan Stevenson (ISBN # 9780593177044)

Research Jim Crow Laws and when they were instituted and examples of how it played out in everyday life. After reading *Just Mercy*, **write a two-page essay** that demonstrates how the Jim Crow laws played a role in the justice system and in some cases found a man guilty of a crime before he was fairly tried in a court of law. Be sure to organize this and **use citations from at least two other sources** as well as the book itself. In your conclusion, please comment on whether you think we have made progress as a country in these areas. **This does need a works cited page as well. Please submit to Turnitin.**

- **If you have time, you might enjoy watching the movie that was released this year and compare how the movie and book are similar and different.**

Part Two-Read "*Way to Wealth*" by Ben Franklin. This is a 50-page essay that uses aphorisms and pithy sayings to prove Franklin's point. Take notes on the essay as you read. Mark aphorisms that stand out to you and note why he was saying them and in what context. What was his overall purpose in this work? Do you agree or disagree? Do you think it is still relevant today? There will be a quiz on this shortly after you return to school. Be familiar with the content of this essay.

Turnitin instructions- If you are a former student and you already have a TURNITIN account then please log in and use the drop-down box to find my name to add your summer reading assignments. You will submit *Just Mercy* essay on **AUGUST 15th by 11:59**. Print a hard copy and bring it to class the second day of school.

If you are NEW to TKA, please log in to Turnitin and follow the prompts that are given. The password for my class is Englishrocks and the ID is **43658570**

I am on my computer all throughout the summer. Please email me if you have any concerns. nstack@tka.net Looking forward to seeing you soon!