ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY
AP PSYCHOLOGY

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ASSIGNMENT:

In preparation for the school year, AP Psychology students will be expected to read the book, *Still Alice*.

The novel follows the story of Alice Howland, a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard University, who suddenly comes to the realization that she has early onset Alzheimer's. Upon reading the book, students will need to have completed the following discussion questions:

1. Prior to reading this book, what are your thoughts and ideas about Alzheimer's disease, and how did this book change your perception? Be sure to include two pieces of evidence from the book to support your response.

2. How do the relationships between Alice and the people she came in contact with become challenged with early onset Alzheimer's? Be sure to include two pieces of evidence from the book to support your response.

3. Nature (study of genetics in psychology) plays a large role in this novel. How did the author utilize the effect of genetics upon the characters in this book? Provide one example from the book to support your response.

4. How did Alzheimer's affect Alice's cognitive abilities? Provide examples when it came to her occupation, her relationship with her husband, her daughters, and her environment around her.

5. In what ways did Alice attempt to prolong the worsening effects of Alzhiemer's? Cite two examples from the book to support your answer.

6. The old saying of "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" is useful in this novel. Even though Alzheimer's becomes progressively worse, how did Alice become stronger in the end? Cite evidence from the text to support your answer.

Responses should include at least 1 paragraph of a response. Evidence should include page numbers for reference purposes and discussions. Responses should be grammatically correct as well as include accurate spelling and punctuation for full credit.

Students will need to submit their work to Canvas by the first full day of class.

For questions regarding this assignment, please feel free to email Mr. Moore at *smoore@stjosephacademy.org*.