Welcome to English 10th grade English Honors!
The following is a description of your Summer Reading Assignments. You must read all
the books and complete all the assignments. The assignments are due as noted in this
document. Failure to turn in all summer work completed and on time will result in a zero
for the work. As per your contract (that you signed), you will not be allowed to switch out
of this course and into English 10.

Summer Reading Texts:
**A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM** by William Shakespeare, drama - a romantic comedy
**BLACK LIKE ME** by John Howard Griffin, non-fiction
**Personal Selection**-- choose one title:
**The Glass Castle** by Jeannette Walls
**Go Set a Watchman** by Harper Lee
**Never Let Me Go** by Kazuo Ishiguro
**A Long Way Gone** by Ishmael Beah
**Deadline** by Chris Crutcher

If you have questions or concerns - My phone number is 610-863-9908.
My email address is reduzzi.philomena@pvbears.org and is to be used under the following
criteria: identify yourself in the subject bar. If you do not identify yourself, I will not reply.

In order to help you manage your assignments, you will be required to meet summer
deadlines and submit work to Google Classroom. Your class code is rikhop8. If you have a
problem with internet access, you can submit hard copies to the high school main office on
the due dates.

**Assignments 1 and 2 responses must be submitted on Google Classroom by the due
dates.**

Note: If you will be on vacation during due date, let me recommend that you submit work
early and also let me know via email.
If you do not meet deadlines and complete your summer work, you will receive a zero for
all assignments. You will receive a deduction of 10 points every day it is late.
Assignment #1 Due: July 12, 2018 by 4:00 PM

_A Midsummer Night’s Dream_ by William Shakespeare, a romantic comedy

Read the entire play and take notes --

**For the prompt—**

Shakespeare’s _Romeo and Juliet_ parallels _A Midsummer Night’s Dream_. Both plays revolve around the major theme of love’s obstacles and both feature lovers forbidden to marry because of familial opposition.

_A Midsummer Night’s Dream_ also includes the tragic story of “Pyramus and Thisby,” star-crossed lovers who each commit suicide because they mistakenly think the other died. Though it shares a tragic plot with _Romeo and Juliet_, the amateurs’ performance of “Pyramus and Thisby” for the Duke and his friends, adds to the comedic aspect of _A Midsummer Night’s Dream_.

Ultimately, _A Midsummer Night’s Dream_ brings out the comedic aspects of love and how Shakespeare pokes fun at humans.

**The prompt—**

Examine the love portrayed among the four young Athenians and using the ASSI format, explain the similarities to love among teens today; ex: same problems. Include two examples from the play to support.

Be sure to include two direct quotes with citations and support.

To cite plays: (author’s last name. Act. Scene. lines).

Example: (Shakespeare.I. ii. 27-30).

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A brief review of ASSI: write in **paragraph** form

**A** = answer to the prompt. The Answer should be in the format, “In (title of work), (topic/element/lit device) (strong verb) (author’s first and last name)’s (purpose of work).

*For example*

In _The Great Gatsby_ by F. Scott Fitzgerald, the author uses symbolism to portray the Modernists’ longing to return to the past. This is one sentence!

**SS** = two separate quotations that offer textual Support. You must explain how each quote supports the Answer. This part approximately 6 sentences!

**I** = analytical Insight that ties both Supports back to the Answer. This is 1-2 sentences. The entire ASSI response should be no longer than 8-10 sentences, typed and double spaced.

I have included on Google Classroom a graphic organizer to help you.
Assignment #2 Due: August 9, 2018 by 4:00 PM

Personal Selection-- choose one title:
- *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls
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After reading the book -Write no more than a five sentence summary of the book you chose and describe in detail three characters from the story. Provide reasons why you would or wouldn't want to get to know these people. Remember to use MLA Heading. This response is **not** in ASSI format; simply use a paragraph for summary and a paragraph for each character; total 4 paragraphs.

Assignment #3 Due: September 6, 2018 – a hard copy when you enter class.

Black Like Me by John Howard Griffin tells a true story about the author who, in the 1950's, took medication to darken his skin and journeyed through the Southern states to record the true actions of whites against the blacks. Though he tries to remain objective, Griffin's entire being is quickly pulled deep beneath the surface of mankind, and is shown the darkest depths of men's hearts.

Read the entire book and take notes --

Using ASSI format-Compare and contrast Griffin's understanding of the relationship between blacks and whites in the South at the beginning of his journey and at the end of his journey. Use examples from the text to show how his understanding changes or stays the same.

Once we have discussed *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and *Black Like Me*, you will take tests on each book.

Happy Reading!!