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IB English HL 12th grade Summer of 2019 Reading and Writing Assignments

Dear rising IB seniors,
 I'm really looking forward to working with you as we read, write, and discuss the stuff of life itself. I'm going old-school with the summer assignment. Please get a paper notebook -- marble lined or even fun colors with graph paper.

Part I. Read at least **FOUR** of the seven essays from *Teaching a Stone to Talk* by Annie Dillard and write the title of the essay on the top line and then a short summary, an interesting quotation, and your own personal response to the essay. This is the first read of one of the three texts for Individual Oral Commentary and Discussion. We will read and discuss all seven in detail in September.

Living Like Weasels (pages 65-70)
In the Jungle (71-77)
The Deer at Providencia (78-84)
Teaching a Stone to Talk (85-95)
On a Hill Far Away (95-101)
Lenses (102-107)
Sojourner (146-150)

Part 2. Spend about 10 hours this summer working on your writing. Record your learning goals and reflection for each hour in the same notebook. I know you all are in different places and have different goals for your writing: some need to review basic grammar, some want to refine their style. I expect you to be able to

- Use active voice, rather than passive voice in sentences
- Use strong verbs, rather than “be” verbs: is, are, was, were
- Write and punctuate complete sentences: simple, compound, complex, compound/complex
- Fixing comma splices and fused sentences
- Vary sentence structure with new sentence patterns.

Choose from the resources below on your journey.

Khan Academy Grammar	If you're preparing for another round with the SAT/ACT/Accuplacer in the fall, this is a great resource. If you're using this, please join my class with the code: E8AQJKAV
NoRedInk	If you want to work on grammar topics of your choice with some

	entertaining sentences and immediate feedback and help, choose this option and join my class with a hyperlink or class code: pale rain 5
Towson University's Online Writing Support Self-Teaching Units	Get a jump start with college resources. The first link has all of the units listed. The second link focuses on 13 specific skills.
Some great books on grammar and style include EB White's Elements of Style Barron's The Art of Styling Sentences	When I worked as a copy editor, proofreader, and technical writer, I kept style and grammar books on my desk to check and recheck our work. These are great resources to have at the ready, to annotate and dog-ear pages that you need. I can sign out workbooks <i>Grammar for High School: A Sentence-Composing Approach</i> and reference books <i>Write for College</i> if you're interested in using print instead of or in addition to online resources.

Summer Journal Rubric

- 50 - Complete and thoughtful.
 - Written responses reveal an engagement with the complexities in the essays with a short summary/outline, an interesting quotation, and a personal response for each of FOUR essays.
 - Log of writing practice reveals engagement and interest with 10 entries
- 42 - Understanding of text is clearly indicated, but with less insight than above or less complete.
- 34 - More than 50% with some insights and attention.

Finally,

The Class of 2019 recommends

- Making your Common App and Coalition accounts
- Completing those applications - must be in one sitting, SAVE EVERYTHING
- Finishing the Naviance surveys, forms, and so on
- Planning your application calendar/to-do list
- Research and apply for scholarships

Finally, **keep reading!** Want some suggestions? See this [list](#) as a guide to appropriate titles. Want to keep track of your reading? See the IB Major Works [Packet](#), a good way to create a study guide for essays throughout the year and for the Paper 2 exam.