

Re: MHS Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Dear English 12 Student:

Over the summer, all prospective English 12 students are asked to select **two** recent news articles from different categories and published after **1 June 2017**. Each article should be roughly 500-1000 words. Please see the attached chart as a helpful aid, or you may decide to use separate paper. Students will write the following about **each article (just to clarify that the following work needs to be done twice, one for each article)**:

1. Circle the subject area of the article
2. Circle the type of article
3. Include a copy of **each article** which is properly annotated using MHS's schoolwide R.A.D. annotation strategy (Read.Annotate.Discuss.). Use the following symbols as you **annotate each** article: ! = What surprised you as you read, ? = What questions did you have as you read, and ▲ = What challenged or changed your thinking as you read.
4. Write a summary for **each article** – two sentences addressing the context and subject (who, what, when, and where)
5. Students will write a 100-150 word response to the essential question,
Why is this article interesting to you?
6. Cite the article in proper MLA format as it would show on a works cited page.
7. All work may be handwritten on the following pages, however, you may choose to type your answers using proper MLA format.

Please use the following newspapers as your sole sources for the articles:

- *The Washington Post or its website*
- *The New York Times or its website*
- *The Chicago Tribune or its website*
- *The Florida Times Union or its website*

The rubric or assessment criterion is found at the end of this assignment. The **due date is the second day of class in the fall.**

All seniors will be required to possess a copy of *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw by the first week of school. This will be a required reading outside of class for the first nine weeks!

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/3825/3825-h/3825-h.htm>

English 12 Summer Assignment Assessment Criteria

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<p>Criterion A: Response to the question. How clear, direct and specific is the student's response to the assigned question?</p>	The response does not address the question.	The response addresses the question very generally or vaguely.	The response addresses the question directly with some references to the article.	The response addresses the question directly with mostly relevant references to the article.	The response addresses the question directly with specific, detailed and relevant references to the article.
<p>Criterion B: Mechanics How clear, varied and accurate is the language? How appropriate is the choice of vocabulary, tone, style and terminology? Sentence structure (run-ons and fragments), punctuation, capitalization, grammar, diction, and spelling are included.</p>	Language is rarely clear and appropriate; there are so many errors in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction, and little sense of register and style, that meaning is affected.	Language is sometimes clear and carefully chosen; grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction are fairly accurate, although errors and inconsistencies are apparent; the tone and style are to some extent appropriate.	Language is clear and carefully chosen, with an adequate degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction despite some lapses; tone and style are mostly appropriate.	Language is clear and carefully chosen, with a good degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; register and style are consistently appropriate.	Language is very clear, effective, carefully chosen and precise, with a high degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; tone and style are effective and appropriate.
<p>Criterion C: MLA Format Is MLA format followed? (typed, 12 pt. font, double-spaced, appropriate margins, heading, Works Cited when necessary.</p>	MLA format is not followed; paper is hand written or errors are blatant.	MLA format is followed in a limited manner with many errors.	MLA format is adequately followed with several errors.	MLA format is followed with a few errors.	MLA format is correctly followed.