Grade 12 - AP Summer Reading List
2019

All school read: *Dry* by Jared and Neal Shusterman

Other required reading:
*The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
*The Farming of Bones* by Edwidge Danticat
*King Lear* and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* by William Shakespeare

Summer writing assignments:
**Due July 15th:** Your best college essay. It must be less than 650 words. You should respond to one of the prompts from the common application.

**Due August 5th:** Provide a one-page written review for each of the following books: *The Orphan Train* and *The Catcher in the Rye*.

**Due August 12th:** Provide a double entry journal to demonstrate your reading of both *King Lear* and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. A double entry journal is simply a response to the literature that you are reading. It can include your own insights, reactions, analysis, understanding of literary terms, etc. Below is just a suggested format.

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<th>Idea from the text (include pg. #s)</th>
<th>Thoughts, insight, reactions, analysis, etc.</th>
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<td>“Appears before them, and with solemn march/Goes slow and stately by them. Thrice he walked by their oppressed and fear-surprised eyes/Within his truncheon’s length, whilst they, distilled. Almost to jelly with the act of fear/Stand dumb and speak not to him” (I.2.201-206).</td>
<td>In this scene Hamlet gets the first news of the sightings of his father’s ghost. This particular scene is significant to the course of the action to follow as this sets up the exposition of the play.</td>
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I would suggest that you provide a minimum of 20 entries per play.

**Due August 26th:** Final college essay submission.

All writing should be emailed to Jason.mccuish@gmail.com. It should be emailed before midnight the day that it is due. All essays should be typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12 point font. Follow proper MLA formatting. For more information on the proper MLA format, reference the *MLA Formatting and Style Guide from* Purdue University at: [https://owl.purdue.edu/](https://owl.purdue.edu/).
Please consider sharing all essays in google docs. Naturally, I will accept attachments created in Microsoft Word, but if you share in google docs, it will allow a much better flow of information between us.

Lastly, please name all files shared in the following manner: Name of book/play followed by your last name. For example, if I was sharing my one page review on Orphan Train, I would name the document as such: **Orphan Train McCuish**.

You can email me with any questions.