**BLOOMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

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Bloomington, California

**Summer Reading for incoming juniors – AP English Language – Summer 2024**

Dear Students,

We are excited to welcome you to AP English III – Advanced Placement Language & Composition. Works studied during the year will focus on mostly non-fiction, including the summer reads. Studies have shown that students need to read 5-6 books over the summer to keep up their reading level (which we’ll test you on in the first weeks of school).

This year we have picked only one book for you to read; it is a favorite of our past students, and there is a study guide and paper that go along with this assignment. The second read is a collection of opinions on the subject of Free speech. There are questions to answer, and an in-class timed write after you get back to school. No need to ask anyone about the summer assignment because p**art of your grade will be based on your ability to follow these directions.**

**I** In ***The Distance Between Us: A Memoir***  by Reyna Grande, she vividly brings to life her tumultuous early years in this “compelling, unvarnished, resonant story of a childhood spent torn between two parents and two countries.” As her parents make the dangerous trek across the Mexican border to “El Otro Lado” (The Other Side) in pursuit of the American dream, Reyna and her siblings are forced into the already overburdened household of their stern grandmother. When their mother returns, Reyna prepares for her own journey. (You will have to buy this book or check it out from a public library – book not available in the BHS library, but it is available on Amazon)

**Assignment:** Due the first day of school

1. Complete the study guide questions for this book (separate online document).
2. Write a 2-page typed (two full pages with perhaps one word on page 3), double-spaced, 12-font, 1-inch margins essay arguing the extent you agree with this statement: “There is still a good work ethic in today’s world to teach young people how to endure hardships.” Use examples from the book, observations and your own experiences to support your thesis. At the top on the left hand side write ONLY: your name, and date: August 7, 2024, skip two-lines and give your paper a title. It should be original and **not** simply: Summer Reading Assignment, etc.

**II Free Speech** We want you to enter the conversation by reading 5 articles and a political cartoon on Free Speech. Each of these texts presents a viewpoint on the limits of the right to free speech, a right guaranteed by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. After reading the articles and political cartoon answer the questions for each article and then four questions that will help you make connections. All the while, you should be forming your own opinion about how you feel on this question. Directions and questions can be found on the online assignment at the end of all the articles and the political cartoon.

**Assignment:** Due the first day of school.

1. Complete the study guide questions for this topic (separate online document). You must submit a hard copy (no online submissions accepted).

We hope you enjoy this reading assignment and, your summer.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Montgomery