

**Advanced Placement Literature and English Composition 12
2019 Summer Reading and Writing Assignments**

Assignment	Due Date
<p>Assignment #1: Culturally Enriching Activity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visit a museum, go to a concert, watch a play, or take part in another culturally enriching experience. 2. Send a selfie from the event to me. 3. Share your experience on the first day of school. <p>Email: shadley@mccanntech.org or kwest@mccanntech.org</p>	<p>First day of school</p>
<p>Assignment #2: <i>The Sun Is Also a Star</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read Nicola Yoon’s novel <i>The Sun Is Also a Star</i>. Consider taking notes about the novel in addition to completing the assignment below. 2. Choose and complete <u>ONE</u> of the options below. <p>Option 1: Write a narrative (minimum of one page) from the perspective of a minor character in the novel. Recreate a scene from that character’s perspective, including his or her thoughts and feelings about the event.</p> <p>Option 2: Explain a theme that Yoon presents in the novel. Include evidence from the novel to support the theme (minimum of one page).</p> <p>Option 3: Create a video (minimum of two minutes) in which you do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefly summarize the novel. • Give your review of the novel. What worked, and what didn’t work? • Consider evaluating the characterization, setting, point of view, storyline, themes, etc. 	<p>First week of school</p>
<p>Assignment #3: College Application Essay</p> <p>Research colleges over the summer (if you haven’t yet). Look at college websites and applications.</p>	<p>First or second week of school</p>

Write a draft of an essay you plan on submitting to college. Please submit a copy of the essay topic, length requirements, and your response. The rough draft will be due during the first or second academic week of school.

If your college uses the Common Application, you may use one of the prompts below. The essay length is capped at 650 words. You can access the Common Application site at the following address: <https://www.commonapp.org/>.

Common Application Essay Topics for 2019-2020:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Mrs. Hadley's & Mrs. West's Contact Information:

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Happy reading and writing!