

2017-2018 A.P. Language and Composition Presents:

Summer Reading

Double Feature

Fiction: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

and

Non Fiction: *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich

- Each featured novel comes with its own reading analysis assignment which will be completed and handed in on the first full day of Class in the 2017-2018 school year. These will count as your first grades for the first quarter! (Assignment sheets are to be typed or completed in black or blue ink.)

Sneak Previews:

- Both novels deal with individuals who find themselves re-routed in their pursuit of the “American Dream”
- Both novels indirectly salute the “American Working Class”

Plagiarism Reminder

Plagiarism can be defined as submitting another person’s ideas, words, images, or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, is tantamount to stealing and will not be tolerated. **Submitting another person’s work for this assignment will result in an automatic zero.** This may significantly lower your final grade. Furthermore, plagiarism, a form of cheating, will be reported to both the class dean and your parents. We will discuss methods for avoiding plagiarism as the school year progresses.

A.P. Language Summer Reading Worksheets

Name: _____

Fiction: The Grapes of Wrath

How are the chapters formatted in the novel?	Provide an Example that demonstrates the format
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Identify the 5 major characters in the novel

Name	Tom Joad
Role in Story	
Characteristics (3-5 adjs.)	
Quote that reveals character, page number, and explanation	

Name	Ma Joad
Role in Story	
Characteristics (3-5 adjs.)	
Quote that reveals character, page number, and explanation	

Name	Pa Joad
Role in Story	
Characteristics (3-5 adjs.)	
Quote that reveals character, page number, and explanation	

Name	Jim Casey
Role in Story	
Characteristics (3-5 adjs.)	
Quote that reveals character, page number, and explanation	

Name	Rose of Sharon
Role in Story	
Characteristics (3-5 adjs.)	
Quote that reveals character, page number, and explanation	

Memorable Quotes

Quotation/Speaker/Page #	Importance
Examples of Literary Techniques	Examples of Literary Techniques
Quotation/Speaker/Page #	Importance
Simile:	
Metaphor:	

Imagery:	
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Setting (Time and Place)	Mood
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Symbols (3) & Explanation	Themes (3) & Explanation
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Importance of Opening Scene	Importance of Closing Scene
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New Vocabulary (list as many as you can)

Additional/Personal Comments and Analysis

Non- Fiction: Nickel and Dimed

Pre-Reading Vocabulary: define each of the following in terms that you understand!

Capitalism - _____

Living wage - _____

Minimum wage - _____

Welfare - _____

Poverty line - _____

Working class - _____

Wage labor - _____

Consumerism - _____

Please fill in the chart below for your current zip code, use the websites listed below as references.

	Average Adjusted Gross Income	Racial demographic by percentage	What is the living wage today for a single adult?	What is the minimum wage?
Your zip code: _____				
Example: <u>61878</u>	\$38,307	94.1% White 2.3% African-American 2.3 % Two or more races		\$5.50 (in 2004)

<http://www.city-data.com/> (good for Adjusted Gross Income although check the copyright date!)

<http://www.unitedstateszipcodes.org/> (good for current demographic breakdown/percentages)

<http://livingwage.mit.edu/> (good for finding the living wage)

<http://www.dol.gov/whd/state/stateMinWageHis.htm> (good for minimum wage breakdown by year)

On a separate, typed document please respond to the following prompt (due upon return to school):

How does your zip code inform your opportunities? Are your opportunities determined by your situation in life (i.e. economic, political, family history, etc.) or are you free to do whatever you wish with your life? Inform your response with the data you've collected and the personal experience and opinions you have formed up to this time as you enter your junior year of high school.

Nonfiction Data Sheet

Quotations: *For each of the three chapters Ehrenreich finds employment, select a single quotation that*

most vividly captures the mood of her experience and explain your selection.

Quotation	Explanation of choice
one. Serving in Florida -	
two. Scrubbing in Maine -	
three. Selling in Minnesota -	

Fill in the chart below for each city's current zip code, refer back to the websites listed on page 1.

	Average Adjusted Gross Income	Racial demographic by percentage	What is the living wage today for a single adult?	What is the minimum wage?
Key West, FL Zip code: _____	\$		\$	\$
Portland, ME Zip code: _____	\$		\$	\$
Minneapolis, MN Zip code: _____	\$		\$	\$

Stylistic Concerns

From a critical, objective standpoint, discuss the style of Ehrenreich's writing. Include the level and tone of the language (vocabulary & diction), the clarity in writing style, and format of the text. Is the material fairly easy to follow and understand? Does she avoid stereotypes and generalizations? Does she avoid didactic or condescending language?