

Students are responsible for all summer assignments. These are not optional and will be your first grades in English IV. Both of these reading assignments are short, approachable, and relevant to either your place in life and/or our current society.

READ:

- I. Read Eleanor Roosevelt's *You Learn by Living*. You can obtain your own copy or check one out from the public library. Your first assignment, due on the first week of classes, will be based on this text and is attached.

- II. Read Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*. This will be next text we discuss in class. This is not a free text in iBooks, but can be purchased in iBooks for as little as \$1.99. Students can also check used book stores, utilize the public library, and use an online free, pdf version through the website below. You can also use audiobooks, supplementary supportive texts, and/or videos to scaffold your reading of the text.

Free PDF of *Brave New World*:

<http://www.idph.com.br/conteudos/ebooks/BraveNewWorld.pdf>

**If you require an alternative text, please reach out before school begins. I will make an alternative assignment available within 48 business hours of the request via email.

Alternate Assignment Policy (Compliance with Instructional Materials Policy & Procedure IFAB)
If you do not approve of a specific resource listed in this syllabus, please make your request to me in writing and an alternative assignment and/or materials will be provided. The request should include your name, the child's name, the specific activity/materials in which you do not want your child to participate or to which you do not want them exposed, and the nature of your objection.

Personal Reflection Essay

By the time you reach high school, you have already experienced some of life's ups and downs. You've seized some great opportunities and turned your back on others. Though you've made good choices, you have also made poor ones. You've both rejected and heeded good advice. As Eleanor Roosevelt states, "One's philosophy is not best expressed in words, it is expressed in the choices one makes." (Forward) Thinking about the advice stated in *You Learn by Living*, consider what tenets you hold essential to living a fulfilling life and how you concluded that this was an essential tenet. Recall the conversational structure Roosevelt presents in her book and mimic that style. Follow the requirements below to compile your narrative for living a fulfilling life. Remember, this is the only time you'll be allowed to write in first person.

Requirements

- 6 tenets (i.e. lessons or pieces of advice, think about the titles of the chapters)
- Minimum 1600 words
- Maximum 2100 words
- MLA format (exception for using 1st person)
- Standard English - no slang
- Use active voice instead of passive voice.
- Proofread your essay when you finish.

Style suggestions

1 - Chunk your sections. Think about creating mini-chapters or sections for each lesson. You can even insert page breaks, headers, or mini-titles. By breaking down the sections, you'll make the essay more manageable.

2 - Divide your word count. If you gave each tenet 200 words, you'd already be over 1200 words without the introduction and conclusion.

tenet: (n) a principle or belief, especially one of the main principles of a religion or philosophy

Tenet	Rationale, Anecdote, Inspiration