



WYOMISSING AREA JUNIOR - SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The students entering **Advanced Placement English Language and Composition** are required to complete reading assignments during the summer. Your child was recently given information and participated in a book talk. These assignments will prepare students for our first units of study in the opening weeks of the school year.

Your child is required to read two books:

- A. Everyone will choose either **Stephen King's *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*** or **Steven Pinker's *The Sense of Style: The Thinking Person's Guide to Writing in the 21st Century***.
- B. Everyone will choose one of the following books:
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell
Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI by David Grann
In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto by Michael Pollan

The books are available at Barnes and Noble, at Amazon.com, and at local libraries, but I recommend that students have their own copies in class during the beginning of the school year. Students will be assessed on their reading upon our return to school, so they should annotate significant passages with post-it notes on which they have written their own commentary and questions.

We urge all parents and guardians to work with their children in choosing books that all parties find appropriate and engaging. These assignments are intended to promote reading, to encourage responsibility, and to prepare students for the academic rigor of the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class.

If you or your child has any questions, please email me at jcomerford@wyoarea.org.

Sincerely,

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