

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming Juniors English III



Summer reading is an important part of a student's learning experience in the STAMP & SPACE academies. Current research suggests that summer reading helps students maintain important literacy skills and provides all students with a shared experience on which to build upon when they return to school. Below are the summer reading directions for all incoming junior students. All students are responsible for their summer reading assignments.

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

*This project will be due **Tuesday, August 30, 2022.***

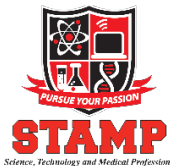
Assignment – Read, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.

- As you read, complete the three writing prompts.
- The questions are designed to guide the reader through the entire novel.
- Submit your completed project to your English III teacher by **Tuesday, August 30, 2022.** (This project will be a major grade.) See Rubric. **The assignment MUST be submitted via Google Classroom.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your designated English III teacher from your campus.

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Special Note: Students recently accepted in the STAMP & SPACE academies and or new to BISD will be given this project at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year and must successfully complete said project by Friday, September 27, 2022.



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Reading - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Writing - Students will be required to respond to THREE writing prompts with analysis and textual evidence to support their claims/assertion.

Criteria for success:

- MLA formatting (visit the website below for more information: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html)
- Appropriate and relevant textual citations and references. (follow MLA format)
- Minimum 150 words for **each** response question;
- INCLUDE a minimum of one CITED QUOTATION and one illustrated example for each of the three response questions.
- MUST be typed and submitted electronically. (**The assignment MUST be submitted via Google Classroom.**)
- Less than 10% summary - stick to analysis

RESPONSE Questions: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

1. How does Henrietta Lack's story change your way of thinking about ethics and privacy? Be specific with evidence from the text in your response.
2. Your junior (11th grade) year focuses on a theme of identity- (Who am I? What is my role in society?). Using Henrietta Lack's story, what issues directly connect to our community/ and or the world? Explain using evidence from the text.
3. In reflection of your response for #2, what is your role in making a change in the community you serve or the world you seek? What are some solutions to the problems you see, and how would you go about making a change? Be specific with evidence from the text.

