

Summer Reading Assignment

Incoming Seniors English IV

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 senior students. All students are responsible for their summer reading assignments.

REQUIRED SUMMER READINGS

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

Assignment – Read, *Oedipus The King* by Sophocles

- As you read, complete the four writing prompts.
- The questions are designed to guide the reader through the entire novel.
- Submit your completed project to your English IV teacher by **Tuesday, August 30, 2022.** See Rubric. **The assignment MUST be submitted via Google Classroom.**

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your designated English IV 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 – *Oedipus The King* by Sophocles

Writing - Students will be required to respond to FOUR 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: *Oedipus the King* by Sophocles

1. Explain how *Oedipus the King* depicts the theme of catharsis.
2. Discuss the Archetypes found in *Oedipus*.
3. Discuss the view of the human condition offered by *Oedipus Rex*.
4. Take a position as to *Oedipus*' situation: fate or free will.

