

## 12<sup>th</sup>- Language and Literature Summer Reading 2022

Please read this document attentively; there are **THREE PARTS** to your summer reading this year.

**1.** For your summer reading assignment, you will **REVISE your HL Essay** and have it ready for submission and grading by **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first day of class**. You will need to bring a **PRINTED physical copy and submit a copy to Turnitin**.

**2.** You will also write a brief college essay; these prompts were all taken from the Common App two years ago. Assignment: Pick **TWO out of the five** prompts to answer and write a **400–500-word response to each prompt chosen**.

Prompt 1: Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.

Prompt 2: The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?

Prompt 3: Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?

Prompt 4: Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma – anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.

Prompt 5: Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.

3. Please purchase a copy of Truman Capote's *In Cold Blood*; acquire the copy with this cover:

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