



## DWIGHT SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

### 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer 2017 Assignment *IB English A Language & Literature SL II*

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Welcome to the second year of IB English Language & Literature SL. To begin our work with Part 3 of the course, Texts and Contexts, which is a Literature Part, we are going to review elements of Part 1, Language and Culture, and Part 2, Language and Mass Communication. This work will lead to a Part 1 Further Oral Activity as well as into our preparations for Papers 1 and 2 on the final IB exam.

For this summer assignment, choose one of the following online courses, available for free through the OpenLearn portal of the Open University. The two courses are “Language and Creativity” and “Exploring Books for Children.” The courses can be found here:

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/languages/language-and-creativity/content-section-0>

<http://www.open.edu/openlearn/history-the-arts/exploring-books-children-words-and-pictures/content-section-0>

Using the “Download this Course” function on the left side of the webpage, you can download an entire course as a single Word document, PDF file, Kindle file, or other format in order to make your reading and work more convenient. The entire course, plus the activities that you will complete for Task #1, should take ten (10) to twelve (12) hours.

You can take a entire course without creating an Open University account; however, we recommend that, if possible, you *do* create an account so that you can receive the Certificate of Participation upon completion of your chosen course.

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**TASK #1:** As you move through your chosen online course, you will encounter various “Activities.” Complete all of them on a separate, typed document with the course section and activity number clearly labeled. Write in full sentences. Note that, for activities that simply require you to “explore,” please write a reflection of six (6) to ten (10) sentences describing the insights that you gained, the questions that were raised, or the connections that you made as a result of this activity.

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**TASK #2:** Write a letter introducing yourself to the teacher, who is new to Dwight. You must use full sentences, but you may maintain a conversational tone. Describe what you wish the teacher to know about you as a person or as a student, offering whatever anecdotes or thoughts that you are comfortable sharing – including, if applicable, any hopes or concerns related to the college application process. These letters will, of course, be kept confidential. Be sure to include a description of your past experiences in English class, the areas or skills in which you are strong, and the areas or skills that you wish to improve. You should also feel free to include any questions that you would like to pose to the new teacher.

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Bring your completed online course activities and introductory letter on the first day of class, printed as follows.

- Type Size: Twelve (12) Point
- Type Font: Times New Roman
- Spacing: Double
- Integrity: At the top of the first page of the activities, type the succinct version of the Dwight School Honor Code: *I did not cheat on this assignment.* (The assignment will be submitted to the anti-plagiarism site *Turnitin.com*. Instructions on how to do so will be provided on the first day of class.)

By the start of school, you must also have written a full draft of your main college essay.

If you have any questions about the assignment, email Mr. Wiesenfeld, the Chair of the English Department, at [mwiesenfeld@dwight.edu](mailto:mwiesenfeld@dwight.edu). Have a wonderful summer, and we look forward to seeing you in September!