



"Absolutely riveting!"
JASON REYNOLDS

"Stunning."
JOHN GREEN



ANGIE THOMAS



2023-2024 English IV Summer Reading

Dear Rising Seniors,

Congratulations! You have successfully met the requirements to advance to your senior year of high school. At this moment, your high school experience is 75% complete. You are in a unique and advantageous position--and you have the opportunity to ensure that you finish out high school on a high note! That begins, of course, with your Summer Reading Assignment.

Though reading over the summer may be the last thing on your mind right now, the data is very clear on the subject – summer reading is extremely beneficial to your success. Going extended periods of time without reading leads to all sorts of losses: loss of comprehension progress, loss of cognitive sharpness, loss of knowledge, and loss of reading speed and endurance. In short, if you don't read, you lose. If you read, you gain. And because your college and career plans will require the discipline to work outside of classroom parameters and complete work independently, this is great preparation for your future, regardless of what that might be.

Your summer reading assignment will be to read and annotate *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas. Use the “Reading and Annotating for Theme” one pager you received in class (or by clicking [HERE](#)) to annotate. **This novel was distributed in class. If you did not receive a copy from me, please purchase one ASAP.**

Your annotated books are due on the first day of school. Your annotations will be checked for a grade. Additionally, you will use your books and annotations to help you write an in-class essay.

As an added BONUS, you may also complete a creative project for your book that will be graded for extra credit. This optional project will be due via email no later than Thursday, September 1, 2022.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bongiorno

Mr. Anthony Bongiorno, MA, MSED

ELA Teacher

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BONUS Task: Complete ONE of the following creative projects and email it to Mr. Bongiorno no later than September 1 in order to receive extra credit.

★ **TikTok Journal**

- Create a TikTok account dedicated only to this project.
- Record a series of TikTok videos based on your novel. You should create a minimum of five (5) videos. Any additional videos you create would be appreciated and encouraged, but optional.
- Once you are finished, email a link to view your TikTok with Mr. Bongiorno.
 - TikTok #1: Record a book review. What are your thoughts on the book as a whole? Thumbs up? Thumbs down? What did you like or dislike? Check out other TikTok book reviews to see some models. #BookTok
 - TikTok #2-TikTok #4: Reenact three favorite scenes from the novel. You may involve parents, siblings, friends--or even pets!--to take on the character roles, in addition to yourself. Or, if you want to do some inventive editing and costume work, you can play all the characters yourself.
 - TikTok #5: Find an existing sound on TikTok that relates to your book in some way. Create a video that demonstrates how the sound ties into the novel.

★ **Graphic Novel**

- Design and illustrate a graphic novel (comic book) version of an important scene from the novel.
- Your graphic novel should be at least five pages in length. If you are artistically gifted, this is an opportunity to show what you can do!
- You may use this Graphic Novel Template Kit: Click [HERE!](#)

★ **Trading Cards**

- Create a collection of trading cards based on the characters from your novel.
- The front side of each card should feature a photo or illustration of the character. The back side of each card should feature a short bio, strengths, weaknesses, allies, and enemies. Also include one quote from the character, cited from the novel.
- Your collection should be well-designed, colorful, and detailed. Each card should be at least 3" x 5" in size.
- This project should be chosen for novels that have at least five major characters.