

## AP Language Summer Workshops

This year, I will hold two summer workshops for all incoming AP Language students. While attendance at these workshops is voluntary, it will be worth your time to attend them. The atmosphere will be relaxed, and we'll have a chance to get to know each other a little better before the chaos of September arrives.

**During the first session** we will meet the author of the summer reading book and work together on a few other pre-reading activities. You should leave this workshop with an excellent understanding of what it means to read critically and how to annotate a text to facilitate critical reading.

Bring:

- a notebook
- a pen/pencil/highlighter
- your copy of *Just Mercy*
- your critical reading packet

**The second session** is when you will pick up many of the handouts for the 2017-2018 school year. The material provided in these handouts will help you build a foundation of knowledge and skills for this course. We will also practice close reading and annotation with some of your outside evidence articles, identify and analyze rhetorical devices, review the usefulness of MEL-Con, and baby step beyond MEL-Con and into synthesis.

Bring:

- at least one of your OUTSIDE EVIDENCE texts (an op-ed article would be

ideal)

- *Just Mercy*
- a notebook
- a highlighter/pen/pencil.

**Session 1** : Monday, June 26 from 12:30-2:30. This time allows you to come straight from summer gym or to sleep in a bit. If you know you will be hungry, bring a few dollars and we'll call Jimmy John's.

**Session 2** : Tuesday, August 8 from 9:00-11:00. Get up a little earlier and then head to the beach after class ends! There might even be coffee at this session. Maybe. If you're lucky...