

Summer Reading

for students entering English 11CP

Read any one of the following novels and complete the written assignment that follows.

Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann

Black Boy by Richard Wright

On the Road by Jack Kerouac

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez

After you have finished reading, compose a short response (2-3 typed pages, double-spaced) in which you respond to the following prompt:

How does the novel define an American or the American experience? How do the characters' struggles and accomplishments support this definition?

Be sure to use specific details from your reading to illustrate your thinking about the story and its ideas.

This assignment will be assessed on the overall quality of your work, including the completion and thoroughness (thesis, supporting details, discussion and conclusion) of the written response. Please read the provided rubric before you begin writing. It is a good idea to grade yourself on the rubric before submission. Your essay will be the first grade of the year.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. de Rham at rderham@hvrhs.org or Mr. Duval at jduval@hvrhs.org

Enjoy your reading!