English 10 GT Summer Reading ASsignment

# Greetings!

First and foremost, congratulations on completing what I hope was a wonderful first year of high school. Although the beginning of next school year is several months away, it is the time of the year where we need to start thinking about summer assignments. Below you will find the works that you are expected to read and a writing assignment that will be due during the first week of October 2018. I look forward to meeting all of you and having a successful school year.

Mr. Reiner

# Between Now and the first week of October 2018, you need to:

* Obtain and read the following works:
  + Maya Angelou’s *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
  + August Wilson’s *Fences*
* After reading, respond to the following prompt:
  + In a well-developed essay, compare how characters from both works challenge social norms from the time period in which each work is set.
    - Be sure to not just identify the social norms that are challenged, but also how and why the characters challenge them and how their experiences contribute to the meaning of the work as a whole.

# Paper Requirements

* No fewer than 5 full pages
* MLA format (Utilize the Purdue OWL website!)
* Utilize relevant evidence from **both works**
* Avoid plot summary
* Do not simply consult SparkNotes/CliffsNotes/Shmoop/etc. and attempt to complete this assignment – it will **not** go well. Students caught plagiarizing from any source will fail the assignment and will not be given the opportunity to complete a redo.

# Questions? Concerns?

* Please feel free to contact Mr. Reiner ([dreiner@bcps.org](mailto:dreiner@bcps.org)) with any questions or concerns about the assignment.