Dear Incoming College Prep English Sophomores,

Your summer reading book is:

*The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them*, by The Freedom Writers (with Erin Gruwell) and Zlata Filipovic

Closely read and annotate the book, paying special attention to the themes presented. If you are unable to annotate in the book, use post-it notes or keep a log in a notebook /composition book. You may organize this chronologically or another way that makes sense to you (i.e. by stylistic device, literary element - character; theme; symbolism, etc.).

Prior to reading, you will write nine thoughtful journal entries, each on a separate sheet of paper so they can be added to your class journal, where you will respond to the following topics:

1. Oppression and tolerance
2. Earning respect and trust
3. Overcoming adversity
4. Family relationships
5. Violence
6. The power of words
7. Having courage
8. Inequality in education and/or other systems

For each entry, write your thoughts, questions, observations, etc. about the topic. Some possibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Explain what the topic means to you.
- Why is the topic important? Is the topic important?
- Describe your own personal experiences with the topic.
- Have you heard anything in the news about any of the topics?

The last journal entry will be a personal reflection. Choose and describe the most important takeaways (concepts, issues, factual information, etc.) from the readings and justify your choices.

The journals should be handwritten, at least ½ page in length, written margin to margin, and on separate sheets of paper (no back to back).
During the first weeks of school, you will take an exam on the reading, and additionally, there will be class lessons and a writing assignment designed around the summer reading.

You may purchase the book or check it out from the public library. If you are unable to do either, please contact Shawna Bell, before July 15th, at bells@scusd.edu for further instructions.

You must also bring the book to class, beginning the first day. You will need the book for the first few weeks of school.

We hope that you enjoy your reading and your summer!
Main The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World. The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them. The Freedom Writers, Erin Gruwell. Told through anonymous entries to protect their identities and allow for complete candor, The Freedom Writers Diary is filled with astounding vignettes from 150 students who, like civil rights activist Rosa Parks and the Freedom Riders, heard society tell them where to go and refused to listen. Proceeds from this book benefit the Freedom Writers Foundation, an organization set up to provide scholarships for underprivileged youth and to train teachers. Year: 2006. The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them is a non-fiction 1999 book written by The Freedom Writers, a group of students from Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California, and their teacher Erin Gruwell. It is the basis of the 2007 movie Freedom Writers, starring Hilary Swank. Banning of the book in schools. On March 11, 2008, an English teacher at Perry Meridian High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, Connie Heerman, was suspended for a year and a half without pay for using the Freedom Writers Diary in her classroom against the wishes of the school board.[2][3] Administrators objected to racial slurs and sexual content in portions of the book. [4] Heerman had. The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them. 305 Pages • 2006 • 1.93 MB • 79 Downloads • English. by The Freedom Writers & Erin Gruwell. Preview. Download. and allow for complete candor, The Freedom Writers Diary is filled with astounding vignettes from Statistics and probability for engineering applications with Microsoft Excel. 417 Pages • 2003 • 2.94 MB • 57,978 Downloads • New! engineers have solid statistical know-how, yet engineers in industry typically are not well-prepared to use ... This report explains how the universe can now be studied in the most advanced colliding-beam Dietary Reference Intakes. 306 Pages • 2001 • 886 KB • 13,681 Downloads • New!