




Millennium High School

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12TH GRADE SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

Welcome to 12th grade! As this will be your last year at Millennium High School, you will be starting your preparations for the move to a new community. With this new stage of life will come greater independence as well as new choices and challenges you will need to face. You will find that the choices you make will begin to have a much wider impact on your life and that “opting out” by *not* making choices will soon become more difficult as you take greater ownership of your path in life. As you travel down this path, it will also be important to remember who you are, where you came from, and what is important to you.

Over the course of the summer you should complete the following four tasks. (Tasks two, three, and four are to be turned in to your advisor on the first day of school – 9/8/10.)

TASK 1: As you’ve seen over the past three years, reading can be a way for us to gain a view of other people’s perspectives and journeys, as well as a way to help us better understand ourselves. Thus, you should choose one of the following three books to read this summer:

- *Maiden Voyage* (by Tania Aebi and Bernadette Brennan)
- *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* (by Dave Eggers)
- *Catfish and Mandala* (by Andrew X. Pham)

As you read your book, think about the author’s journey, the choices and challenges they face, and what they learn about themselves – as well as what you might have done in similar situations.

TASK 2: Write your Advisory letter (in response to the book you read). Your Advisory letter should be at least two, typed, double-spaced pages and should respond to the following prompts:

- What choices and challenges does the main character face? What might you have done in similar situations?
- What did the main character learn about him/herself during their journey? What questions does this raise for you as you’re thinking about your upcoming journey beyond MHS?
- How did the text and its theme compare to any book you read or any concept you explored in one of your classes this past year? Provide details to develop this comparison.

TASK 3: Fill out the form titled “My College Choices” (on the following pages) to collect research on colleges where you are interested in applying. (You may fill out the form as is or recreate it in a document that you can revise and add to during the fall.) Based on research you perform, college visits you take, this list may be different from the one you came up with during your college meeting.




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OPTIONAL READING LIST

Additionally, for those who would like to get a head start on Quarter 1 reading requirements, consider reading one of the books below. When finished, complete either an Advisory letter or a journal entry, depending on your Advisory's individual requirements.

- Blumenfeld, L. *Revenge: A Story of Hope*
- Eire, C. *Waiting for Snow in Havana*
- Gladwell, M. *Outliers*
- Gourevitch, P. *We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families*
- Gregory, Bruce *Inventing Reality, Physics as Language*
- Hoffman, Paul. *Archimedes' Revenge: The Joys and Perils of Mathematics*
- Hersey, J. *Hiroshima*
- Him, C. *When Broken Glass Floats: Growing Up Under the Khmer Rouge*
- Huong, D. T. *Paradise of the Blind*
- LeBlanc, A. *Random Family*
- Maor, Eli. *To Infinity and Beyond*
- McCall, N. *Makes Me Wanna Holler: A Young Black Man In America*
- Nafizi, A. *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
- Obama, B. *Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*
- Ojito, M. *Finding Mañana*
- Patchett, A. *Truth and Beauty: A Friendship*
- Reeve, S. *One Day in September*
- Sedaris, D. *Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim: Essays*
- Seierstad, A. *The Bookseller from Kabul*
- Stringer, L. *Grand Central Winter*
- Tyson, T. *Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story*
- Wurtzel, E. *Prozac Nation*
- Yen Mah, A. *Falling Leaves*



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SUMMER ASSIGNMENT – MY COLLEGE CHOICES

STUDENT NAME _____

ADVISOR _____

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CUNY COLLEGES BY NAME	GPA Range of Average Accepted Student ▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼ <i>Use profile we gave you or Google: CUNY Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Profile for most updated stats</i>	SAT Range of Average Accepted Student (CR&M combined) ▼ <i>Use profile we gave you or Google: CUNY Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Profile for most updated stats</i>	Category- Is this a Reach, Possible or Likely School? Compare to your GPA & SAT above	Deadline To Submit Application	Supplemental Application Required?	CSS/PROFILE Required?
CUNY #1				10/29/10	NO	NO
CUNY #2				10/29/10	NO	NO
CUNY #3				10/29/10	NO	NO
CUNY #4				10/29/10	NO	NO
CUNY #5				10/29/10	NO	NO
CUNY #6				10/29/10	NO	NO

MY OWN ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	GPA ▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼	SAT CR& M Combined ▼▼

SUNY COLLEGES BY NAME	GPA Range of Average Accepted Student ▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼ <i>Use profile we gave you or Google: SUNY Admissions Info Summary 2010 or SUNY EOP Campus Profile for most updated stats</i>	SAT Range of Average Accepted Student (CR&M combined) ▼ <i>Use profile we gave you or Google: SUNY Admissions Info Summary 2010 or SUNY EOP Campus Profile for most</i>	Category- Is this a Reach, Possible or Likely School? Compare to your GPA & SAT above	Deadline to Submit Application	Supplemental Application Required? Google: SUNY Supplemental Applications for most updated info ▼	CSS/PROFILE Required?



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		updated stats			
SUNY #1				10/29/10	NO
SUNY #2				10/29/10	NO
SUNY #3				10/29/10	NO
SUNY #4				10/29/10	NO

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If, by the end of the summer, you are still not sure about your private or out-of-state college choices, that's okay, you still have time. Just indicate the ones you are thinking about and add a "?" after the name of the college if you're not sure you're going to apply there.

MY OWN ▶▶▶▶▶▶▶▶	GPA ▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼▼	SAT CRITICAL READING ▼	SAT MATH ▼▼

PRIVATE or OUT OF STATE COLLEGES BY NAME ▼▼▼	GPA Range of Average Accepted Student Google: CUNY Fall 2010 Freshman Admissions Profile for most updated stats ▼	CRITICAL READING SAT Range of Average Accepted Student (CR) ▼	MATH SAT Range of Average Accepted Student (M) ▼	Category- Is this a Reach, Possible or Likely School? Compare to your GPA & SAT above ▼	Deadline To Submit Application mm/dd/yy ▼	Supplemental Application Required? YES/NO ▼	CSS/PROFILE Required? YES/NO ▼
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For your top three college choices, please type a short explanation of what you learned about each school over the summer and how you feel each of these three schools may be a good fit for you. (Remember: it's not about finding the best school, it's about finding the best school for you.) Write the name of each school and your explanation on a separate page and attach it to this one.