

English 12 CP Summer Reading

As preparation for the ideas that you will encounter this year, we are asking you to read and view a few texts:

Michael Kimmel's *Manhood in America* is a text that engages important historical questions as to the construction of the male identity. He explores different patterns in masculinity – the genteel patriarch, the artisan-hero, and the self-made man. He also takes up the argument for studying masculinity as a reaction to the rise of feminist studies post 1970's. **Please read Michael Kimmel's Introduction to *Manhood in America* and "History of the Self-Made Man"**

"An Annotated Student Research Paper" is your second piece. This will serve as a solid introduction as to your expectations for your I-Search paper (though the paper does not need to be on a controversial issue). In reading this essay, focus on the style and annotations. Think about why this serves as an effective model.

Robin Henig's "What is it about 20-Somethings?" is your final piece. It asks whether we should give 20-somethings a pass to "figure things out" and explore their identity is a problem in our culture. Is #adulting too hard or are 20-somethings just lazy and/or weak? What does it mean that 20-somethings aren't settling down, getting married, buying homes, and producing families? Is this bad for our society?

You should take detailed notes on each of these essays. There will be a test at the beginning of the semester and this information will be important to the rest of your studies this semester. Happy reading!

Regards,

Mr. Franklin