

To: AP English Language and Composition Students
From: Mr. Kelly

Re: English Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

The summer reading project prepares your entrance to the course and is an indication of your commitment to the challenges that await you. Do not wait until August to begin. *The project is due on the first day of class.* Remember, this work is to be done in addition to your grade's summer reading assignment and novel.

The assignments are as follows:

***Fast Food Nation*, by Eric Schlosser**

Obtain a copy of *Fast Food Nation* from Mr. Kelly. If you do not get a copy from him, you must get hold of one on your own—either borrow one from the library, or buy your own copy. You can purchase inexpensive used copies of this book online, which would allow you to make notations in the margins as you read. Do not write directly in a school-owned book. You may use Post-It notes for that, if you wish.

As you read the book, keep a double-entry journal. This means that you jot down quote selections from the book and page numbers on the left side of your notebook page, and directly next to it on the right side of the page, write a comment, an observation, questions, or explanation of your selected textual quote. Draw a line down the middle of the page to clearly mark the division between selection and commentary. You may do this free hand or on the computer.

I will be collecting this journal on the first day of school. You will be responsible for a group project the first week of September that will require your familiarity with the book's contents. Not reading the book over the summer will seriously compromise your early standing in this course. Do yourself a big favor (and your group) and read the book closely and carefully and complete the assignment.