

Hutchinson Central Technical High School English 3R – Summer Reading Requirements

Read:

Moore, Wes. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*.

Must do:

In several respects Wes Moore (Rhodes Scholar) and Wes Moore (felon) shared very similar childhoods. In other respects, there were fundamental differences in their upbringing and the values imparted to them as children.

In a well-developed essay, write a well-developed argument that can be made in support of your point of view as to why one Wes Moore succeeded, while the other Wes Moore ended up in jail for life. For instance, did the opportunities, values, and choices of each man set the direction of their lives, or was chance involved? Other questions to consider are: To what extent did environment, family and upbringing, and personal character shape each man's life? Note: you do NOT necessarily have to answer these questions in particular but they are meant to serve as a guide that will assist you in developing your claim (your point of view, position, argument, etc.). Feel free to create your own question that leads to your position, or point of view, regarding why one Wes Moore succeeded, while the other Wes Moore ended up in jail for life.

In writing your essay which develops an evidence-based claim, be sure to use at least 4 specific examples from the text that supports your point of view/position. Please make sure to properly cite your evidence from the text, using page number(s).

Where can I get a copy of the book?

There are several options available. You can certainly purchase a copy from any bookstore or through Amazon, however, you are NOT required to buy the book. Although, the benefit of selecting this option is that you can annotate the pages.

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This assignment will be due by September 15, 2017 and graded according to each individual teachers grading policy. You have an entire summer to complete the reading and write a well-developed essay, please do NOT procrastinate. If you have any questions about the assignment, please see your teacher in June or as soon as possible.