

Dear Class of 2023,

Welcome to ARGS! I look forward to getting to know you all this coming year. Your summer reading for Introduction to Literature, Composition, and Research is a choice of one of the following books:

- *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
 - Written in the 60's, this is a novel loosely based on the author's own childhood and a real case of racial discrimination in the 30's.
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
 - Written in the 50's; an early dystopian novel about what happens when a whole society decides books aren't worth the trouble.
- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines
 - A novel written in 1994 about a young African American man in the 40's who is wrongly convicted of murder.
- *Silver Sparrow* by Tayari Jones
 - Published in 2018 and set in Atlanta in the 1980's, this novel is narrated by a young girl growing up as a secret child.

Please select a book that you have not yet read, or at least not read recently.

You have one assignment to complete as you read:

Meaningful quotes: As you read, keep an eye out for parts that strike you as particularly important or meaningful. They can be about the characters, setting, themes, symbols, etc. Record three significant quotes (should be just a few sentences each—please include the page numbers), and write a short paragraph underneath each one that explains why you find it to be important. This assignment *may be typed or handwritten*. If the passage you like is very long, try narrowing it down to the most important lines. ***Do not use any outside sources for this assignment.***

Bring your completed assignment and the book with you on your first day of school *for a grade*. Having page numbers for your quotes is included in this grade. **Please be able to have the book for the first few weeks of school.** I encourage using the library, but you may have to call and renew it at least once (*before* it is overdue). If you have any questions, I am available over email this summer at sluong@args.us.

Enjoy your summer and read read read!

Sincerely,
Ms. Luong