



## Summer Reading Assignments

### Incoming Juniors English III



Summer reading is an important part of a student’s learning experience in the STAMP & SPACE academies. Current research suggests that summer reading helps students maintain important literacy skills and provides all students with a shared experience on which to build upon when they return to school. Below are the summer reading directions for all incoming junior students. All students are responsible for their summer reading assignments.

**REQUIRED SUMMER READING**  
*This project will be due Friday, August 28, 2020.*

**Assignment – Read, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot.**

- As you read, complete the response essay questions assignment. See attached directions.
- The questions are designed to guide the reader through the entire novel, and the student should be prepared to discuss **each question** in an online forum.
- Submit your completed project to your English III teacher by Friday, August 28, 2020. (This project will be a major grade.) See Rubric. **The assignment MUST be submitted through the Canvas learning platform.**
- All incoming 11<sup>th</sup> grade STAMP & SPACE students should have received an email from Canvas Instructure to join the course through their BISD student email. Example; [ID#@stu.bisd.us](mailto:ID#@stu.bisd.us)  
If you did not receive an email please notify Mrs. Rivera at [vrivera@bisd.us](mailto:vrivera@bisd.us)  
In your email, include your name, campus and student ID.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your designated English III teacher from your campus.

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**Special Note:** Student recently accepted in the STAMP & SPACE academies and or new to BISD, will be given this project at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year and must successfully complete said project by Friday, September 11, 2020.



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### Assignment – Response Essay Questions

**Reading** - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

**Writing** - Students will be required to respond to the following THREE response questions.

#### **Specific Essay Instructions for answering response questions.**

- MLA formatting visit the website below for more information: [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide/mla\\_formatting\\_and\\_style\\_guide.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html)
- Appropriate and relevant textual citations and references.
- Minimum 150 words, **each** response question; **INCLUDE** a minimum of one **CITED QUOTATION** and one illustrated example for each of the three response questions.
- **MUST** be typed and submitted through the Canvas learning platform.
- Less than 10% summary - stick to analysis

NOTE: The questions are designed to guide the reader through the entire novel, and the student should be prepared to further discuss each question in a discussion post. **The assignment MUST be submitted through the Canvas learning platform.**

#### **RESPONSE Questions:** *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

1. What new information did you learn? How can you apply this information to an issue or problem in today's world? How is awareness of this potential issue important in today's world?
2. How did this new information change your way of thinking about ethics and privacy?
3. What issues from the book directly connect to our community and/or the world? Explain.

Less than 10% summary—stick to analysis



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## Grading Rubric:

### Assignment – Response Essay Questions

#### *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

Assignment: As you read, complete the “Response Essay Questions” assignment. The following is the rubric to the THREE questions to *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.

	Possible Points	Your Points
<b>MLA formatted</b> -Margins -Paragraphs -Quotations -Spacing -Font /Font Size <a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_formatting_and_style_guide.html</a>	20	
Appropriate and relevant textual citations and references	20	
Discussed each with a minimum of 150 words	20	
Included a minimum of one cited quotation for each question.	10	
Included a minimum of one illustrated example for each question.	10	
Provided Analysis (less than 10% summary)	20	
<b>Teacher Comments:</b>	<b>100</b>	