IB Language and Literature Summer Assignment 2020-2021

You are receiving this assignment because you are registered for IB Language and Literature 12 for the 2020-2021 school year. Throughout our course, we will be reading a variety of literary and non-literary sources that tie to the global issues briefly outlined below. In preparation for our work in the upcoming year, this summer you will be required to choose a current event of personal interest, connect it to a global issue, and submit two current event summaries from two different text types. Text type refers to the medium through which the information is conveyed.

Your source material can be a podcast, a political cartoon, a news article, an op-ed, a photograph, song lyrics, or a blog. You will choose two different types of media related to the same topic, such as an article and a political cartoon related to the same current event, and complete a current event summary for each.

Global Issues:
- **Culture, identity and community**
  This concept focuses on how family, class, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender and sexuality, impact individuals and societies.
- **Beliefs, values and education**
  This concept explores the beliefs and values nurtured in particular societies and the ways they shape individuals, communities and educational systems.
- **Art, creativity and the imagination**
  This concept explores aspects of aesthetic inspiration, creation, craft, and beauty as well as the ability of art to shape and challenge society.
- **Politics, power and justice**
  This concept explores aspects of rights and responsibilities, the workings and structures of governments and institutions. This could include an investigation of hierarchies of power, the distribution of wealth and resources, the limits of justice and the law, equality and inequality, human rights and peace and conflict.
- **Science, technology and the environment**
  This concept explores the relationship between humans and the environment and the implications of technology and media for society.

Assignment Requirements

**Title & Source Link (5):** Write the title at the top of your page and include a hyperlink to the source material. If the source material was not digital, include properly formatted MLA citation.

**Summary (10):** Write a summary paragraph, *in your own words*, about the source material. The summary needs to be at least six to eight sentences long and should include commentary about the speaker, subject, text type, audience and purpose of the text. Your summary should not be copied verbatim from the article or text. Doing so will result in a grade of “0.”

**Significance (10):** Write an analysis paragraph of at least 6-8 sentences exploring the connection to the global issue.

**Two Questions (5):** Include 2 relevant questions about the source material. These can be questions of comprehension you would like answered in class or probing questions for class discussion.

Current event summaries will be submitted to Google Classroom within the first week of school.