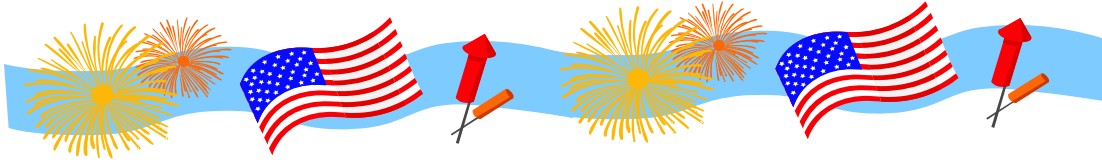


**AMERICAN STUDIES SUMMER ASSIGNMENT  
2009-2010  
TRITON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**



Congratulations on your acceptance into The American Studies Program for the 2009-2010 school year! This program is designed to innovatively instruct the motivated, talented, diligent student through a variety of activities and mediums—be proud! So now you're wondering... what's next? Here are the particulars:

**FOR ENGLISH (Mrs. DeCosta)**

1. Go to B42 before June 22<sup>nd</sup> to purchase your totally awesome American Studies T-shirt. The cost is \$10.00; this money will go towards the funding of Studies trips for next year.
2. Obtain a copy of *The Freedom Writers' Diary*. You may purchase your own, borrow one from Mrs. DeCosta in B42, or sign out a copy from Triton's main office after June 23<sup>rd</sup>. After you obtain a copy, read it in its entirety. PLEASE do NOT merely watch the movie; it is NOTHING like the book. The book is divided into 8 sections( 2 semesters per each year of high school); take brief notes at the end of each section.
3. Upon your return to school, be prepared to discuss and/or write about the book in depth. Class discussions/writing will be counted as class-work grades.
4. You will also be compiling a portfolio based on this book. The portfolio is worth a 100 pt. project grade; the portfolio must clearly show understanding of the book and effort in its creation. Your portfolio is literally a folder which will house several sheets of paper. The folder itself must be decorated in such a way so that it describes who YOU are as an individual. You may use graffiti, pictures, collage, writing—be creative! The portfolio will be due the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school and MUST contain the following items:

**Page 1-** Personal statement—what are your thoughts on this book? Favorite entries? Unsettling entries? Inspiring quotes? What are your thoughts, expectations, concerns about sophomore year? American Studies? This should be no longer than 1 typed page and reflect knowledge of the book.

**Pages 2 & 3-** Pick a song that reminds you of a diary entry. Print out the lyrics of the song; this is page 2. For page 3, explain how/why this song relates to that particular diary entry. In your explanation, be sure to be clear as to which entry you are referencing.

**Page 4-** Write an original poem in any format you wish. This poem should be a dedication to or reflection on a diary entry. The poem should be typed, at least 10 lines, and the entry in which you are referencing should be at the top of the page.

**Page 5 & 6-** Create a visual representation of a diary entry; this is page 5. It can be created via clip art, paint, drawing, etc.—be creative! The visual should express the entry as well as your feelings about the entry. For page 6, type a 3 paragraph explanation of your visual.

**Page 7 & 8-** Print out an article from the Internet about a current event that parallels a diary entry; this page 7. For page 8, summarize the article and explain how it relates to the entry you picked. This should be at least 3 typed paragraphs.

**\*\*\*REMINDER-** You may not use the same entry more than once; different entries must be used for each component of the portfolio. You may add decoration to any/all if the pages if you wish. If your printer is not working, save your work to a flash drive or email it to me at [sdecosta@bhprsd.org](mailto:sdecosta@bhprsd.org). If you have any additional questions, email me or come see me in B42 before June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **FOR US HISTORY I (Mrs. Vives)**

From a historical perspective, *Freedom Writers* is the repeating story of outcasts discovering themselves. “Outcasts” and “discovery” relate to two topics that will be addressed at the beginning of the year: Exploration and the Salem Witch Trials. With this in mind, please read the primary and secondary sources on turnitin.com and answer the accompanying questions, listed below, and on turnitin.com. You will need to create a new user account if you have never logged onto turnitin.com. There is a tutor guide to help you create a new account and understand how the website works. The assignment is under the June Calendar and you will be able to turn in the assignment under the Assignments section. Please contact me over the summer if you have any difficulties at [rvives@bhprsd.org](mailto:rvives@bhprsd.org). This will count as a grade and is due Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> by 12:00am~~Mrs. Vives

### **INFO YOU WILL NEED FOR TURNITIIN.COM**

Class ID number: **2703516**

Password: **studies**

#### **Discovery**

A Letter By Christopher Columbus

-What is Columbus searching for?

Morison on the Great Explorers

-Which merchant captain sailed from South Carolina to New York?

-Did Prince Henry set up an astronomical observation? Explain.

-Summarize the European approach to cementing alliances as demonstrated by Cortes.

## Europeans Encounter Native Americans

-Using this reading, compare and contrast the Europeans and the Native Americans.

### Jacques Cartier

- Where did Cartier learn his navigation skills?
- How did the City of Montreal get its name?

### Francisco Pizarro

- How was Pizarro associated with Balboa?
- How did Pizarro conquer the Inca?

### The Motives of Prince Henry the Navigator

- What military motives did Prince Henry have for exploring new lands?
- What religious motives did Prince Henry have for sending out voyages of exploration?
- How were Portuguese merchants likely to profit from Prince Henry's explorations?

### Magellan's Voyage

- How was Magellan's crew received by the people of Brazil and the Philippines? How did the crew treat these people?
- What evidence is there of the hardships the expedition encountered?

## Outcasts

### Intro to Salem Witch Trials

- What did the girls do that caused people to think they were witches?
- How many died as a result of the girls' accusations?

### The Witchcraft Trials in Salem: A Commentary

- What state did the trials take place in?
- List all the problems that had developed in Salem?
- What common street drug is a derivative of ergot?
- Who was the first to confess to being a witch?
- What evidence today would normally be excluded from modern court systems, but was allowed in the Salem Witch Trials?
- Describe two general differences between the accused and the accusers.

### Procedure Used in the Salem Witchcraft Trials

- Give three ways that the Salem Court System differs from today's system.

### The Salem Witches and Physical Ailments

- What is the possible scientific reasoning for the girls' fits?
- What evidence supports the scientific reasoning?

### Trial of Mary Easty

- Who is being accused in the letter?

### Witches Petition for Bail

- Describe the conditions in the jail.