


JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT  2017
CLASS OF 2019

Welcome AP Juniors!

Next fall you will be introduced to the wonders of rhetorical analysis and American Literature!

Below you will find your summer assignment. Please complete it in clear handwriting. NO TYPING. Please bring your assignment and your book every day for the first week of school.

Watch Jay Smooth's TEDx talk: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbdxeFcQtaU>.

Answer the following questions:

1. How does he begin his speech?
2. What is his most important metaphor?

Acquire a copy of Ta-nehisi Coates' *Between the World and Me*. As you read *Between the World and Me*, annotate your book and answer the following questions:

Speaker—do not look this up anywhere. Use the book itself to answer the questions.

1. What does Coates reveal about his upbringing?
2. His education?
3. His profession?

Occasion—

1. When did Coates write this book?
2. What events inspired Coates' writing?

Audience—

1. Whom does Coates address?
2. AFTER you have read the book, find a review of the book online, print it out, and annotate it as follows:
 - a. Annotate statements you agree with by putting a check in the margin.
 - b. Annotate statements you disagree with by putting an X in the margin
 - c. Annotate statements that puzzle you by putting a question mark in the margin.

Structure—

1. What repetition do you notice?
2. What is the source of Coates' title?
3. How is the book divided? What is the main idea of each part?
4. After you have finished the book, go back and read the opening sentence. Then reread the last sentence. Speculate on why Coates chose to open and end this way.

Reflection—

1. What do you believe is Coates' most important idea?
2. What anecdote do you find to be the most compelling/moving/disturbing?