

Summer Reading 2018

Mrs. Butler

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Grade 7 English

You will be required to read the following:

I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives by Caitlin Alifirenka and Martin Ganda

Please note:

Outside resources of any sort **should not be used** to supplement **your** reading or to aid in the completion of these assignments. I want to know what **you** think!

Work is due on the first day of classes (not orientation day).

You will need to bring your books.

Please complete the following:

1. Introducing yourself to a pen pal can sometimes be a difficult task. What would you want to say about yourself? What would you like them to know about your life, your family, your education, your hometown, your hobbies, your likes/dislikes? Pretend that you are writing to a new pen pal and introduce yourself to **me** in a letter. This may be handwritten and should be a minimum length of one full notebook page. Mail this letter in an envelope written and addressed by you no later than August 15 to:

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2. Please type (double spaced 12 font) answers to the following questions in complete sentences (3-5 sentences in general):

- A. Describe the differences between Martin's life in Zimbabwe and Caitlin's life in the U.S. Give specific support in the form of examples and quotes. Do they share any similarities (such as family, goals, etc.)?
- B. How do Caitlin and Martin change as we watch them grow up through their letters?
- C. What do you think of Caitlin's choice to send Martin part of her babysitting money? Was this generous, silly, insulting?
- D. Describe your feelings about this book.

**Bonus – not required.

With the permission of your parents/guardians, perform a charitable act of kindness (this may be a simple act). Write one typed paragraph about the experience, about how it made you feel, and about the impact (or not!) that your act had on others.

I look forward to meeting you!