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Welcome to College Composition and College Composition II, also known as Dual Enrollment. Chesapeake Public Schools requires summer reading for those taking the Dual Enrollment courses. The following readings have been selected for the course to enhance the course work that lies ahead.

The Best American Essays of the Century - by Joyce Carol Oates (ed.)

and

Freakonomics - by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner

I encourage you to purchase your own copies of each of these works (especially *The Best American Essays of the Century*) and to highlight and annotate (make notes and record reactions in the margins). You may buy these books from area booksellers or order them online. Copies of these books are also located in local libraries. There are additional websites where you may buy the books. They include:

www.alibris.com
www.abebooks.com
www.betterworldbooks.com

Assessments

1. Your first assessment will be due on the first day of class, Tuesday, September 7, 2010. From *The Best American Essays of the Century*, you will choose an essay from each decade and write a reader-response journal entry for each one.
 - * First write a summary for each essay.
 - * Then explain why you think the editors included it as one of the best essays of the century.
 - * Discuss what is uniquely “American” about each essay.
 - * Explain what each essay says about American culture.
 - * **Your journal entries may be typed or legibly handwritten and should reflect your best writing style.**
2. During the first grading period of the school year, you will be evaluated on *Freakonomics*. This assessment will be explained at that time. As you read this book during the summer, take notes. Your notes will prove helpful in completing the project on this work.
3. Additionally, these works will be referenced during the school year and will be the subject of further discussion where appropriate, so please be familiar with the content of each selection.

A caveat is in order here. Do not wait until the last minute to begin your summer assignments. Consider scheduled vacations and trips as well as summer employment commitments and plan accordingly. Allotting two weeks for each book should be a workable plan. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at russecan@cpschools.com.

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COURSE TEXTBOOKS

The following textbooks are required for each course and must be purchased by the first day of class each semester.

COLLEGE COMPOSITION I – first semester

The Prentice-Hall Essential Guide for College Writers – 9th edition

By - Stephen Reid

ISBN: 10: 0205802109

Price: Approx. \$45.00

ISBN: 13: 9780205802104

COLLEGE COMPOSITION II – second semester

Writing Arguments: A Rhetoric with Readings – 7th edition

By - John D. Ramage, John C. Bean, and June Johnson

ISBN: 10: 032136466-X

ISBN: 13: 9780321364661

OR

This textbook also comes in a brief edition; however, you should buy the complete edition, if possible.

ISBN: 10: 0321-41290-7

ISBN: 13: 9780321412904

You may buy both semester texts at the same booksellers listed on the front of this letter or at the TCC bookstore in MacArthur Center Mall.