

Jamaica Gateway to the Sciences H.S.  
Ms. Freeze – ELA  
Incoming 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Assignment  
Due: Thursday, September 12, 2019

**Literary Analysis Essay:**

Read any one of the following books below and write an essay in which you fully answer one of the essay options. Use the essay checklist to guide your writing.

**Book List (Choose One):**

<b>Book Title</b>	<b>Author</b>
• <i>The Hate U Give</i>	Angie Thomas
• <i>Does My Head Look Big in This?</i>	Randa Abdel-Fattah
• <i>This One Summer</i> (Graphic Novel)	Mariko Tamaki
• <i>The Other Wes Moore</i>	Wes Moore
• <i>As Easy as Falling Off the Face of the Earth</i>	Lynne Rae Perkins

**Essay Option 1:**

*Theme* is the central message of a work of literature. Write an essay to express what you think the theme of your chosen book is. Explain how the author develops this theme and use examples from the book to support your response.

**Essay Option 2:**

Often, *characters* change as a result of events in a novel. Write a well-developed essay in which you describe how the main character does or does not change throughout the book. Use examples from the text to support your response.

**Your Essay MUST:**

- Be 2-3 type-written pages (12 point Times font, double-spaced, 1” margins)
- Have an introduction, body, and conclusion. The introduction must include the title and author of the work that you are discussing.
- Be well-organized and include effective transitional phrases.
- NOT summarize. Focus only on discussing the book in response to the prompt (theme or characterization).
- Include relevant quotations from the book, cited correctly.
- Be written in third person point of view and maintain a formal tone.

**\*\*This Summer Reading Assignment counts as a Marking Period 1 test grade (60% of GPA).**

**This is a major assignment. If you do not complete the Summer Reading Assignment, you will struggle to pass Marking Period 1.**