



Summer Writing Assignment
For incoming 11th graders
2008-09

1. **Buy** a NEW writer's journal –you will need this for the coming year as well.
2. **Read:** Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America by Barbara Ehrenreich
3. **Read:** three books from the list given to you by Ms. Bialy. Please make sure that two of the books are memoir or autobiography (the ones that we starred in class). If you are in the Honors Program you need to read four books.
The list is also on our website: <http://tapestryhs.org>
4. **Complete** the following writer's prompts in your journal. Each entry should be *at least* 200 words.
 - A. How would you describe the "American Dream"? What do you think it takes to achieve the "American Dream"?
 - B. How does a person's class in American society (upper, middle, or working) affect their right to "life, liberty (freedom), and the pursuit of happiness?"
 - C. What do you think should determine the amount of money someone is paid to do his or her job? Do factors such as education, experience, expertise, physical, mental, or emotional stress matter?
 - D. Describe an issue that the author of your 1st memoir faced? How did he or she deal with this issue? What might you have done if it were you?
 - E. Describe an issue that the author of your 2nd memoir faced. How did he or she deal with this issue? What might you have done if it were you?

These assignments will be collected and graded by Ms. Bialy and Ms. Mascle. The grades will count towards your English 11 and US History classes! These assignments are due no later than **Monday September 8, 2008.**

If you need assistance with the summer assignments please email Ms. Bialy at terrabialy@gmail.com or call the school. Ms. Bialy will be available after 12pm Monday –Thursday during the month of July.