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Dear rising IB Prep Freshmen,

This document contains your assignments for summer reading for your English and Social Studies classes. Your summer reading assignment is *Just Mercy (Adapted for Young Adults): A True Story of the Fight for Justice* by Bryan Stevenson. As you read, please compose a handwritten reading journal. The best place for your journal entries is a composition book.

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Sincerely,

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR READING JOURNALS

- Reading response journal entries must be handwritten preferably in a composition notebook.
- A thorough journal entry may be approximately 150 words. An acceptable entry should be no less than 50 words.
- Compose an entry when you find something interesting in the text that compels you to write. Some examples of what a journal entry can focus on includes any of the following;
 - Responding personally to the text
 - Creating a text to self, text to text or text to world connection
 - Analyzing the use of a particular metaphor or other literary device that deepens the meaning of literature
 - Reflecting on character development
 - Write about new things that you've learned
 - Making predictions about what may occur next in the text
- You should create a journal entry about every 50 pages of text. If you work better knowing an exact number, create 6 journal entries.
- Outside of your entries, include a vocabulary list of new words. Each entry should have the word, definition, synonyms, antonyms (if applicable) and an example of proper usage. Your list may have as many new words as you like but should at least have a minimum of 25.
- EXTRA CREDIT: Create an information rich rhetorical triangle for each text that includes information about the speaker, intended audience and underlying message.