

你好 (Ni Hao) everyone...that means “hello there” in Chinese (looking at you IB Chinese students),

I hope that this letter finds you healthy, happy and in the midst of an enjoyable summer. As promised, here are the summer reading assignments for that wonderful memoir you are all enjoying, **RUNNING IN THE FAMILY!** As in the memoir, I am sure that life around your casa has been a bit loco, (my apologies to those of you taking IB French...I'll make it up to you in a bit), however, it is time to begin preparing your minds for the fun-filled adventures of IB Language A1 (HL) Year 2!

Having spoken to some of you over the summer I am sure that each one of you is at a very different point in your summer reading assignment. There are those who have diligently completed the book, those who have read most of it, those who have read some of the opening sections, those who have skimmed the pages, those who have looked at it from time to time and those who at the onset of this letter are now frantically wondering where in the world they put the dang thing when they were given it back in May. Whichever place you find yourself...I trust that by the time we prepare to discuss the book in class you will all be very well versed in its satirical and emotionally charged attributes.

I am including a few things with this letter.

1st) The assignment sheet which will explain the 3 assignments you need to complete for this memoir and the dates each assignment will be due.

2nd) The handouts that go with assignment #2. (Essay and Discussion Questions)

Read the assignment sheet carefully and look over each assignment thoroughly. Be sure you understand what is being asked of you and what expectations I have for the assignments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail me with your inquiries. I will do my best to make sure you have a firm grasp of the expectations.

On a final note...please RSVP (that is a French acronym...your welcome IB Frenchies) to my e-mail once you have read this, so that I know you have seen it and so that no one can use the lame excuse that they never got it in the first place. I am eagerly looking forward to working with each of you and getting to know you much more closely as students and as people. Enjoy your final weeks of summer....the greatest adventure of your lives awaits.....

Au Revoir (one more shout out Frenchies)

Mr. Walls