

Hello. Welcome to AP English Language. You have a two-part summer assignment.

Part 1- Read Dave Eggers' *Zeitoun* and write an argument of no more than 225 words in which you answer the following question:

Who is **most** at fault for what happened to Abdulrahman Zeitoun?

Additional requirements for the argument: double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font. Use proper header information in top left corner of typed page.

Your Name
My Name
AP Language Summer Assignment
Date (first day of school)



Part 2 – Write a letter to Mrs. Krieger, and then send that letter to Mrs. Krieger via the United States Postal Service. (Not even joking.) You must write your letter by hand. You must also address the envelope by hand. If you type the letter or the envelope, then you will lose points. Please look up appropriate letter writing formats online.

Possible topics for your letter:

- What are your plans for college?
- Do you have any special goals for next school year?
- Why are you taking AP English Language?
- Have you had any amazing adventures this summer?
- What is a book that made an impression on you?

You can write about whatever you want. The bigger purpose is that I just want you to write. You can mail the letter any time after June 25, 2014, but please make sure that you mail it early enough so that it reaches my mailbox prior to September 1, 2014.

Mrs. Kelli Krieger
Union-Endicott High School
1200 East Main Street
Endicott, NY 13760

Scoring Matrix for *Zeitoun*

The argument prompt is worth **50** points. I will grade you on:

Formatting: Did you follow the directions precisely?

Clarity: Did you make a specific claim? Did you write clearly?

Content: Did you use evidence from the text? Did you argue well?

Scoring for the letter

This assignment is worth **20** points

Was your letter on time? Did you follow directions? Was your letter free of errors? Was your letter appropriate?

The summer assignment is a nice way to start off the year on a positive note. Getting full credit on both components is completely within your control. I don't expect you to be an expert in the art of argument, but I do expect maximum effort.

If you need to contact me over the summer, you can find my contact information at www.kriegerland.net. I will be in Prague for several weeks during the month of July so I will likely be difficult to contact during that time.

“Words - so innocent and powerless as they are, as standing in a dictionary, how potent for good and evil they become in the hands of one who knows how to combine them.”

-Nathaniel Hawthorne