

# New York Times Summer Reading Contest

MS. EVANS' 2020 AP LANGUAGE & COMPOSITION SUMMER PROJECT

## Contest Dates: June 12-Aug. 21, 2020

Every year since 2010 The Learning Network has invited teenagers around the world to add *The New York Times* to their summer reading lists and, so far, over 60,000 have.

To help me offer YOU more "voice and choice," I hope this contest can help:

- Every week, *The New York Times* will ask participants to choose something in *The Times* that has sparked their interest, then tell them why.
  - **TO EARN CREDIT IN MY CLASS:** You will create a Google Doc or Google Slide and copy/paste the Times article you chose to read and respond to. Do this 5 times (i.e. read and respond to 5 articles)
  - You will also include the response you sent to the Times
    - "What if I don't send a response to the Times (or I missed the deadline??)": You should still submit a response that you would have sent to the Times if you had. (if you DO submit your response, you can earn extra credit!)
- At the end of the week, judges from the *Times* newsroom pick favorite responses and publish them. It's as simple as that.
  - **HOW CAN THIS EARN ME EXTRA CREDIT?** Glad you asked!
    - Submit a picture of PROOF OF SUBMISSION to the contest
    - If your response is chosen for publication YOU WILL EARN MORE EXTRA CREDIT. To earn this, however, you must submit PROOF OF PUBLICATION. Don't just expect me to "find" it somewhere!

The goal of this assignment is simple: to help you become more aware of the world and your place in it, to learn how to navigate sophisticated nonfiction, and to practice writing for a real audience

You can choose literally anything you like THAT WAS PUBLISHED ON NYTIMES.COM IN 2019 OR 2020.

I don't care what you write about; I just care about WHY you chose it.

### Please note:

- Detailed rules about the contest and submission to Schoology for credit in my class will be posted on Schoology before June 12th (the date the contest officially opens)
- I will also post a scoring rubric as well as examples of past submission winners to help give you an idea of what kinds of responses the NYT publishes
- You will need to join my Schoology group to get this information using THIS CODE:  
**QSCK-VJTH-25BMD**
- Please join my Remind at 81010 **@APLang113**