

2021 WALTRIP ENGLISH

12TH GRADE SUMMER READING

12th Grade Required Reading

English IV is asking students to read 10 stories from *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women*, published Aug. 21, 2007, edited by Jay Allison, by Holt Paperbacks.

Available for purchase at

Several vendors here:

<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780805086584>

Available for free download here:

<https://rk1bukz.cf/read.php?id=6FbzdoYSol8C>

Available free with additional essays and audio here:

<https://www.npr.org/series/4538138/this-i-believe>

AND

Available in its own free website format with extended features, including more essays and audio here:

<https://thisibelieve.org/>

Assignment

Dear Students:

Please read and or listen to 10 stories (they are about 3 pages and 4 minutes each), and choose 5 to use to answer the following questions. When writing, be careful to paraphrase the author or use direct quotes. Do not plagiarize from here or anywhere else. Also, use complete sentences to make interesting, insightful points, with proper capitalization, punctuation and spelling. This will be our first impression of you, so make it a good one. We will begin the year next year working with this book. Thank you.

1. Each story has a short bibliographical note about the author. Read this and explain who wrote the story and why. What was the inspiration for this story? (Be careful to paraphrase! Use your own words, synonyms, rearrange sentences, etc.)
2. What was the outcome of the author's experiences because of his or her belief? How was his, her or someone else's life changed because of this belief?
3. What is the most important literary technique the author uses to tell this story, and how does this technique add to your understanding of the author's belief.

Remember to use quotation marks if necessary, and use your own words for your analysis.

4. Why did you choose this essay? Remember, you were supposed to read or listen to 10, so the 5 you are writing about is from choice.

5. Do you have a similar belief or disagree with this belief? Write a few lines as if you were responding to the author.

Have a great summer! We are excited to meet you in the new school year!

