

Summer assignment for AP English Language

“The realization that life is absurd cannot be an end, but only a beginning.” -- Albert Camus

Unit 1: (Out of) Order

In this opening unit, we are going to examine disorder and chaos and how we respond and thrive by creating systems of thinking and being.

TEXT: [Octavia E. Butler, *Kindred*](#)

***Do NOT get the graphic novel version!**

While reading, pay close attention to

1. HOW the various characters are connected
2. HOW an individual's actions end up affecting other people and events that they don't/can't anticipate

Be prepared to discuss/write about:

- What might Octavia Butler be warning us about with this story?
- What does she seem to want us to understand about what it is to be human?