

Dear In-Coming Advanced Placement Juniors:

Your summer reading assignment is to read Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris.

This is a collection of personal essays, many of which have been featured in college anthologies. His work is often featured in the Advanced Placement curriculum and the Advanced Placement Language and Composition exam.

Your assignment to accompany this reading is to write your own personal essay. The criteria for the essay are as follows:

1. No more than 300 words
2. Based on a small incident or event from your life in which your response/behavior demonstrates a lot about your personality
3. Your personality/voice must come through in the writing (just like David Sedaris's does in his)
4. You will read these in class

Most of the essays in Me Talk Pretty One Day focus on an incident or event in David Sedaris's life and should serve as great models for your essay. He is quite funny, so feel free to include humor. However, it is not a requirement-just be true to how you feel at the time. If you want to hear David Sedaris read his own work before you present your essay in class, you can visit the NPR website.

There will be a test on this book during the first two weeks of school and we will be using the essays as a basis for multiple class discussions and activities.

Happy Reading,

Ms. Moore