English III/AP Language 2020-21

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**Summer Argumentative Essay**

*(Please have a typed copy, correctly formatted in MLA style ready to go on the first day of school.)* ***This essay could be related to your non-fiction text, but it does NOT have to be. Do not try to force a connection if there isn’t one; these are two separate assignments.***

The term “overrated” is often used to diminish concepts, places, roles, etc. that the speaker believes do not deserve the prestige they commonly enjoy; for example, many writers have argued that success is overrated, a character in a novel by Anthony Burgess famously describes Rome as a vastly overrated city,” and Queen Rania of Jordan herself has asserted that “[b]eing queen is overrated.”

Select a concept, place, role, etc. to which you believe that the term “overrated” should be applied. Then, write a well-developed essay in which you explain your judgment. Use appropriate evidence from your reading, experience, or observations to support your argument.

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