

English 12
Summer Assignment
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Hello, English 12 students!

I'm thrilled to be your teacher this year! My goal with our class is to read a slew of interesting texts while examining a single theme. For the time being, I'll call this theme "Writing for Change"—in brief, we'll spend the year using (mostly) nonfiction essays, research, and journalism to ask questions about how writing can be used to persuade individuals and communities. For now, focus your energies on the summer assignment I've included below. If you have any questions, you can reach me throughout the summer at mr.zencka@gmail.com.

I look forward to meeting you all!
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Step 1: Use this link (<https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/204>) to find all the Pulitzer Prize winners for journalism in the category of "Public Service." Pick two prize-winning projects and read them in full. (This will require you to read several individual articles—make sure you're following the links to read the whole project for that year, not just one article.)

Step 2: Write a brief typed essay (700-1100 words) in which you examine how the writing in the projects you chose used *pathos* (or emotion) as a way to persuade the reader. Essays should adhere to MLA citation guidelines.