

Welcome to CE English!

These are your **Summer Reading Assignment** instructions. You only have one book to read this summer, but I want you to do several tasks with it, so please read the instructions carefully before you begin the book. The book is the memoir *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren. You must purchase the book or check it out at a library.

I purposely created this assignment to:

- get an initial assessment of your reading and writing skills
- give you some practice with the type of reading, writing and analysis we will be doing in class this year, especially the first quarter
- get to know something about you as a person

So, please take the assignment seriously and give yourself enough time to work on it. These will be your first grades for the quarter. You will be handing in three assignments related to the book in Google Classroom by three different deadlines in late August. Of course, you can turn them in earlier. **Please join the 2019 CE Summer Reading Class right away so that I know you've received and read these instructions. The class code is 5p8gh8p.**

I recommend starting at least a month before school begins, so you have enough time to read the book and complete the assignments. (An audio version of the book is available and a good option if you're going on a long road trip this summer or want to listen at the beach. However, you will also need a hard copy of the book to complete the assignment). Your tasks are as follows:

1. **Keep a reading log.**

2. **Write an essay around 500 words in MLA format** on the following topic: *One of the literary tropes Jahren uses in her memoir is the comparison of plant life with human life. In an essay, talk about the parallels she draws between her subjects and herself/humans. In what ways are we all similar to our rooted, blossoming brethren? Do you see those parallels in your own life? Use details from the book to support your answer.*

3. **Write a short personal reflection.** The answer should be 150-300 words and a choice of prompts is in the Google Classroom assignment.

I look forward to working with you this coming school year. Please feel free to email me or come see me in Room 807 if you have any questions. Have a great summer!

~Ms. O'Brien