

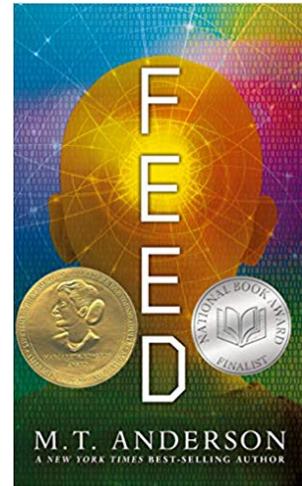
English 12 (Globetrotting)—Summer Reading Assignment 2019

Ms. Bloom

REQUIRED SUMMER READING

Feed

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Welcome to English 12

Globetrotting: World Literature through the Short Story, the Novella, and the Folktale

In your opinion, does an overabundance of information-- from the main modes of social media and internet at large-- hinder our efforts to be individuals? Take a stand on the question, and then defend your opinion with examples from the book, society, and your own life. In what ways does Titus lose his individuality? How does Violet open his eyes and draw him into the real world? And what keeps pulling him back to the 'controlled' world of the *Feed*?

You will complete a well-written essay to address the following:

1. Your opinion of the book
2. How well you form a thesis
3. How clearly you use examples to support your opinion
4. And whether your writing demonstrates that you read and understood the book

Please be sure to avoid plot summary throughout your essay.

The link below is to an episode of PBS' *Frontline* from 2001, about the same time *Feed* was written. It examines the way advertisers look at teens, and the best ways to sell them products. It could give you some food for thought in your essay.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/cool/view/>

MLA Format: Your paper should be typed in MLA format, including a title, 12pt. Times New Roman typeface, double spaced, with 1" margins all around. Be mindful of spelling and grammar. Show the word count at the bottom of your paper.

Come to class with your printed essays in hand. Essays submitted after that will be considered late and be marked down according to the policy outlined in our syllabus.

Summer Reading expectations:

All students who enroll on or before August 22, 2019 must read the book(s) assigned for their course and complete this summer reading assignment.

All students who enroll on or after August 23, 2019 should begin reading the summer reading book(s) upon enrollment and email the teacher for details about assignment expectations.

All new and returning students should bring a copy of the assigned novel(s) with them on the first day of class.