

English III Honors Summer Assignment: 2019

Task: Read & annotate & understand & enjoy:

Baldwin, James, *The Fire Next Time*, Vintage Books: New York. 1993.

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Brief synopsis: James Baldwin (1924 – 1987) was one of the leading twentieth century American authors. A major focus of his work was the African American experience and the struggle for civil rights. In *The Fire Next Time*, he begins his text with a letter to his nephew on the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. The second part of the book is a reflection on the state of many cultural inequalities present in the United States in the 1960s, and what these inequalities may mean for future generations.

The book is readily available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other online and in-store locations. You are responsible for purchasing this book on your own.

Other texts will be distributed to you throughout the school year.

Please finish reading *The Fire Next Time* before the opening of the 2019 – 2020 school year, and please bring the book with you to class on the first day of school in September. We will begin discussing it immediately.