



**Summer Reading 2016**  
**Upper School Humanities**  
**English 11**  
**Ms. Gleicher**

**ENTERING ENGLISH 11**

**Task 1:**

Read and annotate **one** of the texts below, paying special attention to the *protagonist's character development*, and *what makes this story American*:

*The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Juno Diaz

*The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

*Caucasia* by Danny Senza

*Part Time Diary of a Full Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie

**Task 2:**

Please respond to the following prompts using complete sentences. Paragraphs should be 6-10 sentences in length and adhere to standard grammatical conventions. You should include specific quotations to back up your opinions. Typed responses will be submitted on the first day of class.

1. Write a paragraph describing how the narrator in your text discovers who they want to be.
2. Write two-three paragraphs about how the narrator's identity is influenced by family, race, gender, social expectations, and the culture in which they grow up.
3. Write a paragraph about how this novel expands upon, challenges, or reaffirms your idea of what it means to be American.

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