

# ☀️ Composition Summer Assignments ☀️

Welcome to Composition-- your first college-level class! I love this course, and I take it very seriously. No matter which field you go into after graduation, you will need to have clear, direct writing/communication skills. To give you a good sense of the pace of this class, I want you to complete the following assignments over the summer. These two texts will be the only texts you will buy all year, so that's good news (maybe more for your parents than it is for you 😊).

1. Please read an autobiography of your choosing and annotate as you read. You will need to have a hard copy of the book for class. **Be sure that you read an autobiography NOT a biography.** What's the difference? An autobiography is a book someone writes about his/her own life; on the other hand, a biography is a book someone writes about someone else's life. For example, if I wrote an autobiography, it would be called *Callison Hopkins: Forever Avoiding the Question of When Those Essays Will Be Graded*. It's a working title, but still, you get the picture. 😊
2. Please read the Introduction to *They Say, I Say* (4th edition; you will need a hard copy of this book as well). As you read, please do so with the intent of learning the information. We will be using it for one of our first assignments. Also, this book is about \$28 on Amazon because it's technically a writing textbook. However, it's money well spent, because so many of my previous students talk about how they take it with them to college since it's such a helpful writing resource.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [chopkins@ncstrojans.com](mailto:chopkins@ncstrojans.com). Thanks and have a great summer! I look forward to teaching you for your senior year!

-- Ms. Hopkins