

St. Thomas More High School 2018 Summer Freshmen Assignment

While the summer is a time to recuperate and enjoy time away from the stresses of school, the English Department would like gather information about the incoming freshmen to ensure we can help them become on a relatively level playing field in terms of various grammar concepts and applications. Therefore, the English Department is requiring students to complete several diagnostic tests about basic English concepts on www.noredink.com. The Department will use this information as baselines and track student growth throughout the year. The scores are instrumental to differentiating grammar instruction and therefore students will be given a completion grade for completing all the diagnostic tests by the due date.

Students must sign up for a free noredink.com account to take the diagnostic tests. They must complete all the required assignments no later than August 20, 2018 at 11:59 P.M. The English Department estimates that each diagnostic test will take 60 to 90 minutes. There are four diagnostic tests so please plan accordingly. Diagnostic tests can be resumed and therefore do not need to be completed in one sitting. The Department does not intend or hope that students complete these assignments in one sitting; rather, it encourages students to complete assignments gradually throughout the summer and at their own paces.

If you do not have a laptop, smartphone, or tablet, or do not have internet access, the English Department recommends going to a local library for free computer usage with a library card or any other place with public and free Wi-Fi such as Starbucks or Collectivo.

Below are instructions for how to sign up for Noredink and complete the required English diagnostic tests:

1. Go to www.noredink.com.
2. Create a student account using class code “brave duck 38” (there are spaces between these three words). For the log-in information, please use an email that you can access regularly and a password you will remember—even during the school year. Also, please use your actual name when signing up for your account. No nicknames.
3. Once you log-in, noredink.com will ask you about your interests. Choose as many or as few as you desire. The website caters the sentences in the exercises to these interests.
4. There is no specific order that you must take the diagnostic tests in.
5. Make sure you complete each diagnostic test by August 20, 2018.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact either Mr. Wolfersdorff or Mr. Dineen.

Sincerely,

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