

## Sella--Summer Reading Assignment--English I College Prep

*Just Mercy*--by Bryan Stevenson

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In addition to reading your summer reading book, you will also complete an assignment that goes along with the novel. For the novel, *Just Mercy*, you will be creating a soundtrack. The assignment will need to be typed in Google Docs in order to be turned in on turnitin.com during the first week of school.

**Soundtrack for *Just Mercy***--While reading, think carefully about the characters and themes present in the book. You will be considering these as you select at least 10 songs for a soundtrack for the text. No two songs can be from the same artist, and you should strive to have songs from a variety of genres.

**Your soundtrack will include at least one song that relates to:**

1. THREE important events from the book
2. THREE different characters
3. ONE song that you feel defines the "Equal Justice Initiative" in the novel
4. ONE song that defines Walter and Bryan's (the author) relationship
5. ONE theme (theme must be more than just one word--a phrase)
6. ONE of your choice  
(symbol, conflict, resolution, quote, additional event, , novel title, additional theme or character)

**For each song selection:**

1. Title line should include the song title, artist and element (character name, event, etc)
2. Explanation: Beneath the title line, describe the character, event, theme, etc. and how it relates to the song. Why did you choose this song for this element of the novel? Explain how the song/lyrics connect to, reveal or enhance your description of the character, event or theme. Back your claim with evidence from the book (quote, passage, event). If there are certain lyrics that led you to associate the song to the element then be sure to note those specific lyrics.