Hello AP Biology students,

Welcome aboard!

There are two items that must be read prior to the first day of school. The third book and writing are optional but doing the assignment may tell me a good deal about your seriousness as a student.

1. Only A Theory by Kenneth Miller

I recommend buying a hard copy and writing in it. You will be allowed to bring the book with you to the assessment.

2. A Tangled Tree by David Quammen I recommend buying a hard copy and writing in it. You will be allowed to bring the book with you to the assessment.

3. Choose one non-fiction from the AP central list below <u>https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-biology/classroom-resources/great-books-list</u>

Write a review of the book due the first day of class (not orientation day). If you would like some ideas about how to write a book review, I recommend reading some book reviews. Try the New York Times Book Review, which comes out every Sunday.

Lastly, I need all of you to confirm by email that you received these assignments and understand what is required over the summer. Let me know if you have any questions. My email address is: <u>rmurphy@gbwl.org</u>

Enjoy your summer and see you in September. I am excited about the future.

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