

10TH GRADE REQUIRED ENGLISH SUMMER READING
Grade Level

I Know why the Caged Bird Sings, by Maya Angelou (Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version.) Please buy the paperback version with this **ISBN-13: 978-0345514400**

You are required to have this reading done by the first day of class.

Also, type and double-space a short paragraph for each of the following questions. The response is due the first day of class.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin (tmclaughlin@jbha.org).

1. When Maya Angelou was a child, she was abused by someone in her household. While her memoir's physical description of this abuse is brief, Angelou returns to this trauma again and again throughout the book. In what ways does she return to this abuse when describing later events in her life? Be specific. You must quote from the book to support your answer.

2. In tenth grade English, we will read works that lead to discussions about the social constructs of race and gender. If you had to pick one, which one, race or gender, do you think is more central to Angelou's story? Explain your answer. Be specific. You must quote from the book to support your answer.

Optional, but recommended reading:

Black Boy, by Richard Wright

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Americanah, by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie