Assignment for Students Entering English 10 (Regents & Gateway)

**Title #1** – *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You* by Peter Cameron  
Genre Study: Coming of Age or Bildungsroman

**Title #2** - FREE CHOICE  
Please do not read *Night, Lord of the Flies, The Great Gatsby, or Catcher in the Rye*.

For our genre study, you will read *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You* by Peter Cameron. This “Coming of Age” novel will provide a smooth segue into *Catcher in the Rye*, by JD Salinger, which is part of our first unit of study.

**Information About the “Coming of Age” Genre:**
Growing up is often hard to do. Sometimes a book or character can make it easier or clearer. A coming of age novel or text is a genre that focuses on a character’s growth from adolescence to adulthood. It is not exclusive to realistic fiction and can be easily found in fantasy and science fiction; despite the genre, coming-of-age works focus on the themes of loss of innocence, maturation, sacrifice, sexuality, and political and social change. A coming-of-age text may be considered a *bildungsroman*, which focuses on the protagonist’s moral growth through trials and misfortunes before entry into society.

**Summer assignments:**

1. **Obtain a copy of *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You* text and read it.** Mark it up as necessary. (If it is your personal copy you may write directly in the text. Otherwise, use post-it notes or notebook paper to record your thinking as you are reading.) You will be taking note of important passages for the Double-Entry Journal assignment.

2. **Develop a Double-Entry Journal.** Choose 5 passages from *Someday This Pain Will Be Useful to You* that are meaningful and help develop characters, themes, conflict, setting, and style. Record the text in the left column with the page number and react in the right hand column. Record your thoughts and reactions. Try to make connections between the text and yourself (text-to-self), another text (text-to-text), or the world (text-to-world). Possible ways to respond: What strikes you about this? What was your first thought when you read this? And then? And then? What does this passage/idea make you think of or remember? What else have you read/heard/experienced that connects with this author’s ideas? Does something confuse you or lead to further questions? How do you feel about this?

This assignment will be due within the first two weeks of school and must be typed in a Google document and saved in order to submit to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) when we return to school.

Journal entry TIPS and SAMPLE  
[http://www.butte.edu/departments/cas/tipsheets/readingstrategies/double_entry.html](http://www.butte.edu/departments/cas/tipsheets/readingstrategies/double_entry.html)

3. **Read a 2nd book based on your personal preference.**

*Note:* The second book of your choice will be utilized in a project at the end of September.  
Choose something that interests you!

Have a safe and happy summer!