Read “Rules of the Game” by Amy Tan. As you read, consider the essential questions for our first unit of study:

- What factors determine and influence individual success?
- How does an author’s stylistic choices advance his/her point of view or purpose for writing?

After reading, respond to the following journal prompt:

- In an informal style, share your thoughts and reflections on your reading experience using knowledge from your English class last year. Consider what the author wants readers to think about or takeaway from this text. Be sure to fully explain and support your thoughts and feelings about specific aspects of the story with evidence from the entire text.

Assignments that reflect any form of academic dishonesty (plagiarism/cheating) will earn a zero (without the possibility of resubmission).

- Exemplary journals will contain:
  - 250-500 words,
  - Textual evidence,
  - Minimal summary,
  - Original thoughts/personal insights (no SparkNotes or similar resources)
  - Reflective of a student’s best effort,
  - And shared with english2submissions@gmail.com via Google Docs.

Looking for supplementary reading to prepare for this year? Here are some options from our team!

Mr. Welch – Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Ms. Conroy – In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Ms. Graves – The Color of Water by James McBride

Mr. Zazo – A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

Ms. Szakats – How the García Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez