

**AP Language Summer Reading Assignment**  
***Your God Is Too Safe* by Mark Buchanan**

**DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS**

You will need to purchase *Your God Is Too Safe* by Mark Buchanan (note that the book is NOT *Your God Is Too Small* by a different author). Please complete the assignment below by the time you report to class for the first day of the school year. **Bring the book with you to class on the first day and be prepared to discuss your favorite moment in the reading. What spoke to you the most?**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Read through all of the questions, then read the book, taking brief notes, or marking passages as you read.** Not all questions are answered all at once the first time the concepts are mentioned, so **be sure to read the whole book before beginning to write answers to the questions.** This is why taking notes and/or marking passages will be helpful. As you answer the questions, be sure to paraphrase Buchanan's ideas unless you use quotation marks to show that you are using his words.

**Do not put this off till the very end of summer. Reading and taking notes will take time and effort!**

**Part I. Short Answer Questions (brief paragraphs, 4-5 sentences):**

1. What does Buchanan mean when he speaks of "Borderland"?
2. What is Buchanan's concept of "real holiness"?
3. What is Buchanan's concept of "practicing the presence of God"?
4. What are Buchanan's thoughts on wounds?
5. What is Buchanan's hope for us, the readers? (What is his main call to action?)

**Part II. Essay Assignment:**

Write a complete essay (opening paragraph with a PATT and thesis, body paragraphs, and a conclusion) discussing the following things:

What does Buchanan mean by "holy habits"?

Choose the four holy habits that have the most meaning for your life and discuss what they are and how they currently apply, or should apply, to your life.

Confession	Fasting	Waiting
Solitude	Study	The discipline of joy
Silence	Servanthood	
Secrecy	Prayer	

**Nota Bene (pay attention to the following information):**

The entire document (all answers and the essay) should be typed double-spaced in Times New Roman 12.

Page 1 should be titled: Short Answer Questions (and numbered as above).

Page 2 (and beyond) should be titled: Essay Assignment

**DO NOT USE THE WORD "YOU" IN ANY PART OF YOUR ESSAY. You MAY use "I/me/my" and "we/us/our."**