

SOPHOMORE PIB - SUMMER READING

I'm a Stranger Here Myself by Bill Bryson

- You will need to purchase your own copy of the text.
- You will have a reading test covering **four chapters** of the book on the first day of school. These chapters will be chosen by the teachers and will not be announced in advance, so it is in your best interest to read the entire book!

Assignments to be completed by the first day of school

1. Choose five chapters from the book and write a **one-page response** (typed) for each (total of at least five pages) answering the following questions.
 - What is Bryson's purpose in writing the chosen passage?
 - How does Bryson achieve his purpose?
2. Write a two-page (typed) paper in which you make connections among the five chapters you chose above. What do these passages have in common? What is Bryson saying about Americans? Is there a common theme among these passages? What similar technique(s) does he employ to communicate this theme?

If you have any questions about the summer reading assignment, you may email Ms. McCormick at tmmccormick@cps.edu. Have a great summer! Don't forget to read for fun, but isn't all reading fun?