

**As the library remains closed due to the CoronaVirus, this will be the nightly assignment that we would like to see you do:**

1. Watch the video of Steve reading the story. You can pause the story or rewind and watch again if you find it helpful)
2. **Read the assigned story** (either aloud or silently)

You have a choice as to how you're going to show Steve your work:

- (1) you can type into a Google doc that you share with Steve
- (2) you can type into an Email message and send to Steve
- (3) you can write in your notebook and then take a picture of it and email it to Steve.

**Part 1:** Identify 10 vocabulary terms from the reading that you are not familiar with. Look up each word in the dictionary and write the definition of the word in the context of the sentence.

**Part 2:** Write one complete sentence for each vocabulary term that you identified. Underline the word in each sentence.

**Part 3:** Respond to the following question in one sentence: What is the main idea of the story?

**Part 4:** Create three questions that you would like to ask the person the story is about.

Here is an example of the assignment from the story assigned on March 17.

Name: Steven George

Story: Ronald McNair, page 134

**Part 1:**

1. folks: people, individuals or sometimes referred to as parents (depends on context)
2. counter: a flat surface like a table; also referred to speaking or acting in opposition to; also - the opposite direction (depends on context)
3. burly: large and strong
4. jail: a place where people go after convicted of a crime
5. librarian: a person who works at a library and assists people with finding information.
6. reluctantly: doing something in an unwillingly way
7. institute: a society or organization based on a common interest
8. PhD: means Doctor of Philosophy which is the highest college degree
9. possibility: something that may happen
10. norms: something that is standard, average or normal

**Part 2:**

1. We hope those folks vote in the next election.
2. He just cleaned the kitchen counter after dinner.
3. The prison guard was a very burly man.

4. The bank robber was just sentenced to 5 years in jail.
5. The librarian helped me find a book on climate change.
6. The child reluctantly took out the trash.
7. There will be a summer institute at the library focused on music and art programs.
8. She just completed her PhD degree in Mathematics.
9. There is a possibility that it will rain today.
10. The norms for most families in 2020 reflect two working parents to raise a family.

### **Part 3:**

The main idea of the Ron McNair story is to overcome challenges that life puts in your way and to set big goals so that regular people can achieve extraordinary things.

### **Part 4:**

Create two questions that you would like to ask the person the story is about.

1. Why did you feel so strongly about taking the book out of the library?
2. Describe your experience attending M.I.T.?
3. What was it like being an astronaut?