

Daughters Summer 2020

AP English Language and Composition Summer Assignment

Directions:

AP Lang is a course in the study of argument and rhetoric and relies primarily on the study of non-fiction. So over the summer - to keep your brain and reading skills sharp - you will read one work of non-fiction (noted below). These are widely available at any library or discount book store. I have also been able to find a PDF on-line. Be prepared for a quiz, discussions and writing about the book during the first week of school (and throughout the month of September). I would suggest taking notes and then studying those notes before any assessment on them. I will not be collecting or grading the notes, however. I've also included a list of quality, AP- recommended non-fiction below. It is not required to read these, but it would benefit you a great deal as having a strong foundation in non-fiction and knowing a lot about the world around you provides you with the evidence for many essays in AP Lang. You could also spend time reading a variety of newspapers or magazines in order to become more informed.

Note: Some of the college-level books on this list include some mature content, mostly in the form of strong language.

REQUIRED summer reading:

- 1) *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell

RECOMMENDED Summer Non-Fiction Reading: these books represent strong non-fiction (award-winning) that would help you be a more informed citizen.

- 1) *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J Gaines
- 2) *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown
- 3) *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accent* by Julia Alvarez
- 4) *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- 5) *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi
- 6) *Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand
- 7) *Born to Run* by Chris McDougall
- 8) *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder
- 9) *The Hemingses of Monticello* by Annette Gordon-Reed
- 10) *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri
- 11) *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- 12) *The Devil in The White City* by Erik Larson
- 13) *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D Vance
- 14) *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
- 15) *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers
- 16) *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- 17) *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier

RECOMMENDED Summer Periodical Reading: it is an important component of the AP Lang and Comp class that you are aware of current events. Reading both the news and opinion sections of any of the referenced periodicals below would be a good use of your spare time in the summer.

Seattle Times

National Geographic

Wall Street Journal

Vanity Fair

New York Times

The Atlantic

Time

The Economist

Newsweek

Slate

Smithsonian

Wired

Science

Science News For Students *The Week*

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