

## English III AP/Dual 2020-2021 Summer Reading

### Nonfiction Selections by Genre

English III AP is a college-level writing and composition course taken at a high school campus. The primary genre we focus on in this course is nonfiction on various topics as this helps us generate ideas for writing and makes us well-read on multiple topics that will be called upon in a college course and on the AP exam in May.

**Task:** Early this summer, take a look at the list of books below and **pick one to read critically.** It must be one that you will enjoy reading, analyzing, and also one that is rich and complex enough to use for a college level formal summary, a rhetorical analysis, and as a basis for research in the first and second six weeks. A text that is a good candidate for a rhetorical analysis is one that has passages that allow you to evaluate it using these questions: (1)Who is the speaker? (2)Who is the intended audience in that section? (3)What is the claim or message the speaker attempts to convey? (4)What moves (rhetorical strategies) do you see at work? (5)How does the speaker use these to move his/her audience?

You are welcome to look at reviews online to help you select a strong text that you will enjoy working with.

**\*Note:** It is preferable that you purchase a copy of the text as you will be using it to create a college-level essay where you will be asked to select a specific passage, make a copy of the selected text, and write a rhetorical analysis on it. Many of these texts can be found used online or at Half Price Books. This will reinforce how writers use various means to get their message across to their audience.

#### **Journalism**

13 Hours - Mitchell Zuckoff

Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out - Susan Kuklin

Enrique's Journey - Sonia Nazario

#### **Narrative Nonfiction**

Band of Brothers - Stephen Ambrose

Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity - Katherine Boo

Dead Wake - Erik Larson

Friday Night Lights - H.G. Bissinger

In Cold Blood - Truman Capote

Junction Boys - Jim Dent

Must Win - Drew Jubera  
The Blind Side - Michael Lewis  
The Boys in the Boat - Daniel James Brown  
The Devil in a White City - Erik Larson  
Unbroken - Lauren Hillenbrand

### **Biography**

Alexander Hamilton - Ron Chernow  
Cheaper by the Dozen - Frank Bunker Gilbreth, Jr. and Ernestine Gilbreth Carey  
Same Kind of Different as Me - Ron Hall  
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks - Rebecca Skloot

### **Business/Tech**

Fast Food Nation : The Dark Side of the All-American Meal - Eric Schlosser  
Freakonomics : A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything - Steven Levitt  
Innovators : How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution -  
Walter Isaacson  
Nickel and Dimed : On (Not) Getting by in America - Barbara Ehrenreich

### **Memoir/Autobiography/Personal Narrative**

12 Years a Slave - Solomon Northup  
American Chica: Two Worlds, One Childhood - Marie Arana  
American Sniper - Chris Kyle  
Angela's Ashes - Frank McCourt  
A Walk in the Woods - Bill Bryson  
Becoming - Michelle Obama  
Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx - Maria Nelsony  
Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard  
- Liz Murray  
Dust Tracks on a Road - Zora Neale Hurston  
Eat, Pray, Love - Elizabeth Gilbert  
Educated - Tara Westover  
Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings: A Memoir - Margarita Engle  
Farewell to Manzanar - Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston.  
In My Skin - Kate Holden  
Love is a Mix Tape - Rob Sheffield  
Me Talk Pretty One Day - David Sedaris

My Life on the Road - Gloria Steinem  
No Easy Day - Mark Owen  
On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft - Stephen King  
Profiles in Courage - John Fitzgerald Kennedy  
The Glass Castle - Jeannette Walls  
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot  
The Lone Survivor - Marcus Luttrell  
The Making of a Navy Seal - Brandon Webb  
The Other Wes Moore - Wes Moore  
The Turquoise Ledge - Leslie Marmon Silko  
They Call Me a Hero: a memoir of my youth - David Hernandez  
The Year of Magical Thinking - Joan Didion  
The Yellow House - Sara M. Broom  
This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women - Jay Allison  
Wave - Sonali Deraniyagala  
Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman - Jon Krakauer  
Why Courage Matters : The Way to a Braver Life - John McCain  
Wild - Cheryl Strayed

### **Philosophy/Religion**

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Happens in the End - Atal Guwande  
Blink - Malcolm Gladwell  
Life after Death - Deepak Chopra  
The Hero with a Thousand Faces - Joseph Campbell  
The Name of God is Mercy - Pope Francis  
The Path: What Chinese Philosophers Can Teach Us about the Good Life – Michael Puett and  
The Seven Spiritual Laws of Yoga - Deepak Chopra

### **History/Social Sciences:**

Affluenza : The All-consuming Epidemic -John DeGraaf  
Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business - Neil Postman  
Big Sort : Why the Clustering of Like-Minded America Is Tearing Us Apart - Bill Bishop  
Dreamland : the true tale of America's opiate epidemic by Quinones, Sam  
No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America  
- Powers, Ron  
Quiet : The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking - Cain, Susan  
Range - David Epstein  
Talking to Strangers - Malcolm Gladwell

**Sports:**

King of the World - David Remnick

Eight Men Out - Eliot Asinof

We Own This Game - Robert Andrew Powell