



# Harlan High School

## SUMMER READING

English III AP and AP/Dual Credit  
2023-2024

Welcome to English 3 AP/AP-Dual Credit! These classes focus largely on rhetorical analysis, which examines the choices authors use to influence their audience and achieve their purpose.

Thus, with an eye toward eventual rhetorical analysis, students enrolled in English 3AP/AP-Dual Credit are expected to choose **ONE** memoir/personal narrative from the list below to read and study over the summer.

Please know that you are strongly encouraged to obtain your own copy of the book to more easily annotate and interact with it as you read. However, if you prefer, you may check it out physically from a public library, or you may check it out digitally from your school library through Sora, Libby, and Overdrive.

Annotation can be especially helpful when studying a piece. It involves marking aspects of the text that you find important or influential, and making comments for yourself in order to remember why you marked what you did. Although your annotations will not be graded, they will help you prepare to perform a rhetorical analysis over your chosen book, as it is easier to relocate choices the author uses when you can simply read back over your comments to yourself, rather than re-reading the entire book.

Reading your chosen book from this list will prepare you for:

- ☐ determining the rhetorical situation (persona, audience, purpose, and exigence)
- ☐ analyzing specific rhetorical choices (tools/strategies/techniques) the author uses
- ☐ performing a rhetorical analysis over the book that will incorporate specifically quoted rhetorical choices and analyze the effect of those choices on audience and purpose

### Memoir/Personal Narrative Choices

(please select only ONE book)

Recognizing that English 3 AP/AP-Dual Credit are college-level classes and our reading features mature content, *be sure to personally research the choices* below before selecting the one you'd prefer to study.

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

*Know My Name* by Chanel Miller

*Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah

*Crying in H Mart* by Michelle Zauner

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

### **For further information:**

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