

English III AP/Dual Credit Required Summer Reading

Book One: *How To Read Novels Like a Professor* by Thomas Foster- Read the Preface, the Introduction and Chapters 1-5. Please bring a hard copy of the book to class as it will be used for the rest of the year.

Book Two: Choose a book-length nonfiction work from the list provided. Students should look over the list carefully and choose--with parental approval--a book that is both appropriate and rigorous. Books on the list do not necessarily represent the views of the teacher or campus.

All summer reading must be completed by the first day of class. Students should expect an assignment over summer reading during the first week of school and should bring a hard copy of the book to class.

Options for English III AP/Dual Credit Required Summer Reading

Autobiography/Memoir/Biography

- Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Infidel*
- Anthony Bourdain, *A Cook's Tour*
- George W. Bush, *41: A Portrait of My Father*
- Laura Bush, *Spoken from the Heart*
- Firoozeh Dumas, *Funny in Farsi*
- Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
- Walter Isaacson, *Steve Jobs*
- Barack Obama, *Dreams from My Father*
- Richard Rodriguez, *Hunger for Memory*
- Art Speigelman, *Maus I and II*
- Sarah Vowell, *Take the Cannoli*
- Richard Wright, *Black Boy*

Science and Technology

- Nicholas Carr, *The Shallows: What the Internet Is Doing to Our Brains*
- Jonathan Foer, *Eating Animals*
- Homer Hickham, *The Rocket Boys*
- Sherwin Newland, *The Soul of Medicine*
- Rebecca Skloot, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
- Rob Dunn, *The Man Who Held His Own Heart*
- Thomas L. Friedman, *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution*
- Michael Moss, *Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*

Current Events

- Malcolm Gladwell, *Blink*; *Outliers: The Story of Success*
- Jonathan Kozol, *Amazing Grace*, *Savage Inequalities*
- Azar Nafisi, *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
- Diane Ravitch, *The Life and Death of the American Public School System*

- Ron Suskind, *Hope in the Unseen*

Sports and Games

- Jim Boutin, *Ball Four*
- Stefan Fatsis, *Word Freak*
- Ethan Gilsdorf, *Fantasy, Freaks, and Gaming Geeks*
- Laura Hillenbrand, *Seabiscuit, An American Legend*
- Jon Krakauer, *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman*
- W.K. Stratton, *Chasing the Rodeo*

History/Military

- James Bradley, *Flags of Our Fathers*
- Paul Fussell, *The Boys' Crusade*
- S.C. Gwynne, *Empire of the Summer Moon*
- Laura Hillenbrand, *Unbroken*
- Ken Jennings, *Mapheads: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks*
- Robert Kurson, *Shadow Divers*
- Erik Larson, *Devil in the White City*
- Tim O'Brien, *If I Die in a Combat Zone*
- Sarah Vowell, *Assassination Vacation*
- Jay Wink, *April 1865*
- Daniel Wolff, *How Lincoln Learned to Read: Twelve Great Americans and the Educations That Made Them*

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