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Welcome to Advanced English III!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year. Enjoying a good book will help expand your vocabulary, deepen critical thinking, and enhance focus and imagination. Equally important, reading is the very best way to strengthen your writing skills!

As a Northside Advanced English student, we ask that you choose one memoir from this list this summer to read. In order to help your understanding, pay close attention to these [literary and rhetorical devices](#) as you go. You will need access to a copy of your selection during the first quarter so that you are ready to discuss and work with your book.

The following titles are included to give you plenty of options. They are books that are popular in the library, award winners, or recommended by teachers. The books marked by an asterisk (**) indicate those on the Northside approved book list. Other titles may contain adult themes and content, so we encourage you to do some research and speak with your parents before selecting a title.

You can check out digital books on Sora through your school library, or through Libby from the public library. Happy Reading!

Your Future Advanced English II Teacher

The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin by Benjamin Franklin *

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Butterfly: From Refugee to Olympian, My Story of Rescue, Hope, and Triumph by Yusra Mardini

The Cat I Never Named: A True Story of Love, War, and Survival by Amra Sabic-El-Rayess

Did I Ever Tell You by Genevieve Kingston

Do Not Disclose: A Memoir of Family Secrets Lost and Found by Leora Krygier

Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee

Fall Down 7 Times Get Up 8: A Young Man's Voice from the Silence of Autism by Naoki Higashida

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai *

Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Obsessed: A Memoir of My Life with OCD by Allison Britz

Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora

Stick Figure by Lori Gottlieb

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore

Yes, Chef by Marcus Samuelsson

* Indicates vetted, approved titles from the NISD English I-IV Approved Reading List

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