



Holmes High School English III AP Summer Reading

Welcome to AP Language!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year and beyond. Now more than ever, it is important to enhance your critical reading skills, expand your vocabulary, and sharpen your focus. There's no better way to accomplish this than by sitting down with a good book.

We are asking that you, as an AP Language student, read at least one nonfiction book of your choice this summer. There is no other assignment than to read and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

Remember, you can select whichever book you wish to read; it does not have to be on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas, but you're encouraged to read something on a topic you are passionate about. Select a book--with parent approval--that is best suited to your tastes, interests, and values. Feel free to do further research on the book to confirm your choice is the best one for you.

You can check out digital books on Sora, Libby, and Overdrive through your school library.

Happy Reading!

Autobiography/Memoir/Biography

1. Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother* by Amy Chua
2. Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates
3. Braveface by Shaun David Hutchinson
4. Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea by Sungju Lee
5. My Underground American Dream by Julissa Arce
6. The Other Wes Moore by Wes Moore
7. Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina by Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince
8. When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi

Science & Technology

1. A Deadly Wandering by Matt Richtel
2. Eating Animals by Jonathan Safran Foer
3. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben
4. The Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus*
by Richard Preston
5. The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to our Brains by Nicholas Carr
6. Slime by Ruth Kassinger

7. The Soul of an Octopus by Sy Montgomery
8. Stolen Focus by Johann Hari

Understanding Ourselves

1. Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin
2. The Book of Eating by Adam Platt
3. Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza by Gloria Anzaldúa
4. Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead by Sheryl Sandberg
5. Maybe You Should Talk to Someone by Lori Gottlieb
6. Originals: How Nonconformists Move the World by Adam Grant
7. Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi
8. Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know by Malcolm Gladwell
9. Why We Love Star Wars: The Great Moments That Built A Galaxy Far, Far Away by Ken Napzok
10. Hidden Potential by Adam Grant

Current Events

1. All the Agents and Saints by Stephanie Elizondo Griest
2. Amity and Prosperity by Eliza Griswold
3. Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy edited by Anthony Harkins and Meredith McCarroll
4. Barrio America by A. K. Sandoval-Strausz
5. Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein - Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists That Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe by Mario Livio
6. The Far Away Brothers by Lauren Markham
7. The Good Immigrant: 26 Writers Reflect on America Edited by Nikesh Shukla and Chimene Suleyman
8. Homelands: Four Friends, Two Countries, and the Fate of the Great Mexican American Migration by Alfredo Corchado
9. Parkland: Birth of a Movement by Dave Cullen
10. The Undocumented Americans by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
11. The Writings On The Wall by Kareem Abdul Jabbar

Sports & Games

1. Chasing the Rodeo by W.K. Stratton
2. Coach Wooden and Me: Our 50-Year Friendship On and Off the Court by Kareem Abdul Jabbar
3. The Frailty Myth by Collette Downing
4. The Inner Game of Tennis by Timothy Gallwey
5. Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game by Michael Lewis
6. Muck City: Winning and Losing in Football's Forgotten Town by Bryan Mealer
7. Seabiscuit, An American Legend by Laura Hillenbrand

History/Military

1. Aloha Rodeo by David Wolman and Julian Smith
2. Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War by Mary Roach
3. The Long Walk by Brian Castner
4. Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari
5. Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America
by Caleb McDaniel
6. Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*
by Laura Hillenbrand
7. Unlikely Warrior: A Jewish Soldier in Hitler's Army* by Georg
Rauch
8. War by Sebastian Junger
9. Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few
Flat Tires Along the Way) by Sue Macy
10. Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman by Jon Krakauer

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