

May 1st, 2019



Dear Future AP Language Students and Parents,

Welcome to AP English Language and Composition! This demanding course will prepare you for the reading and writing required in college classrooms and the workplace, and also gives you the chance to earn college credit.

This course will be a rigorous exploration of language—how we use words—to tell our stories, create arguments, and construct a better society. Choose two nonfiction works from the approved list to read over the summer. Choose from different genres. (Don't read two books from the same category.) For each book, keep a dialectical reading journal, to be turned in the first week of school) and make a presentation to the class during the second week of school. Details of the presentation will be provided on the first day of class. You will have time to use your notes and knowledge of your chosen literature to assemble a well-organized presentation. Be sure to take good notes during your reading, so that you are well prepared.

I have included an example of your reading journal format below. On the left-hand column, write anything that catches your attention; this could be a quotation, an idea, a plot development, literary device, etc. I will not be picky about what you put in your journal, but I will give you a grade based on the thought put into your entries and overall completion. There is no minimum or maximum amount of entries, but in order to adequately notate the readings, **you should expect to average around one entry for every five pages.** Don't be afraid to include your own opinions and thoughts. There are no wrong answers in this journal. Your goal is to begin thinking critically about the literature and provide yourself some easy reference points for your presentation in August. It will help to include page numbers in your entries for quick reference. In the example below, I have used the events from the movie *The Lion King* to demonstrate the note taking format.

Quote	Response
"Everything the light touches is our kingdom." Mufasa (pg. 23)	This interests me because it could mean two things. It could literally mean that they control the lands that they can see. OR, light may be a metaphor for righteousness, and this statement could also mean that they are the moral leaders of the land, or that they will only operate morally as they rule.
Simba sees Mufasa's ghost in the clouds, ghost tells Simba to remember who he is. (pgs. 50-66)	This caught my attention because it reminds me a lot of Hamlet, and the sighting of King Hamlet's ghost. This movie has a lot in common with Hamlet.

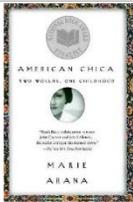
If you are purchasing your summer reading books, I highly recommend you also highlight, underline, and make small notes in the book itself, in addition to maintaining your reading journal. The more notes you take, the easier it will be for you to put together your presentation in August.

This class will be rigorous and require you to stay current with class reading. Some reading will be done in class, but much will be assigned as homework. This will allow us to spend class time analyzing and discussing the texts.

Feel free to contact me over the summer if you have any questions.
Happy Reading!

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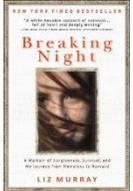
Biography/Memoir



American Chica : Two Worlds, One Childhood

by *Marie Arana* Year Published: 2001 Call Number 92 Arana

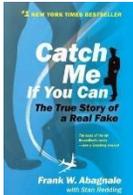
The author discusses her childhood as the daughter of a Peruvian father and American mother, and recalls the challenges she faced trying to reconcile her two cultures after moving to the United States.



Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard

by *Liz Murray* Year Published: 2010 Call Number 92 Murray

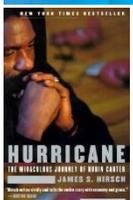
Liz Murray, who was homeless at the age of fifteen and had drug-addicted parents, reflects on how she overcame obstacles and eventually attended Harvard University.



Catch Me If You Can

by *Frank W. Abagnale* Year Published: 2000 Call Number 92 Abagnale

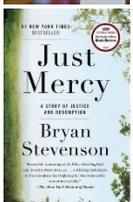
Former con man Frank Abagnale, an authority on financial foul play, tells stories of the adventures he had while living the high life as a criminal.



Hurricane: The Miraculous Journey of Rubin Carter

by *James S. Hirsch* Year Published: 2000 Call Number 92 Carter

Chronicles Rubin Carter's twenty-year imprisonment, discussing why he was accused of three murders he did not commit, how racial issues affected the outcome of his trial, how he earned the support of celebrities, and why a group of Canadians decided to help him prove his innocence.



Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption

by *Stevenson, Bryan* Year Published: 2014 Call number 92 Stevenson

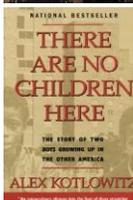
Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal practice dedicated to defending those most desperate and in need: the poor, the wrongly condemned, and women and children trapped in the farthest reaches of our criminal justice system..



Smokejumper: A Memoir by One of America's Most Select Airborne Firefighters

by *Ramos, Jason* Year Published: 2015 Call number 634.9 RAM

Enter a world of breathtaking danger and beauty: In this remarkable memoir, veteran smokejumper Jason Ramos offers a rare inside look at the lives of airborne firefighters, the select few who parachute into the most rugged and remote wild areas to battle nature's blazes.



There Are No Children Here : The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America

by *Kotlowitz, Alex* Year Published: 1992 Call number 305.23 KOT

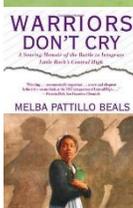
A touching, meticulous portrait of two boys growing up in a Chicago housing project reveals how they help each other maintain a shred of innocence among street gangs, gunfire, violence, and drugs.



This I Believe : The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women

by *Allison, Jay* Year Published: 2007 Call number 170 THI

A collection of eighty essays exploring the personal beliefs of a diverse assortment of contributors, both famous and unknown.



Warriors don't cry: A searing memoir of the battle to integrate Little Rock's Central High

by *Melba Pattillo Beals* Year Published: 1994 Call number 92 Beals

A riveting true story of an embattled teenager who paid for integration with her innocence. Beals chronicles her harrowing junior year at Central High where she underwent the segregationists' brutal organized campaign of terrorism which included telephone threats, vigilante stalkers, economic blackmailers, rogue police, and much more.

History/Social Sciences



ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN



All the President's Men

by *Bernstein, Carl* Year Published: 1974 Call number 364.1 BER

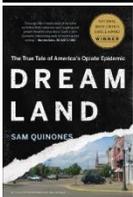
This is the book that changed America. Published just months before President Nixon's resignation, *All the President's Men* revealed the full scope of the scandal.



Color-Blind : Seeing Beyond Race in a Race-Obsessed World

by *Cose, Ellis* Year Published: 1997 Call number 305.8 COS

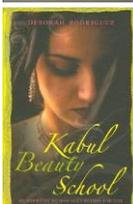
Draws on the author's personal experiences from other countries and his observations and studies concerning America looking at the current state of race relations in this country and illuminates options for a race-neutral, discrimination free society to develop and flourish.



Dreamland : the true tale of America's opiate epidemic

by *Quinones, Sam* Year Published: 2016 Call number 362.29 QUI

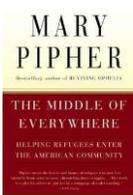
Chronicles how sugar cane farmers in a small county on the west coast of Mexico created a unique distribution system that brought highly addictive black tar heroin to the United States, and looks at a pharmaceutical company's marketing campaign of OxyContin.



Kabul Beauty School : An American Woman Goes Behind the Veil

by *Rodriguez, Deborah* Year Published: 2007 Call number 305.48 ROD

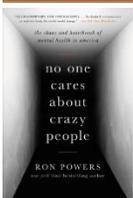
Soon after the fall of the Taliban, in 2001, Deborah Rodriguez went to Afghanistan as part of a humanitarian aid group. Within that small haven, the line between teacher and student quickly blurred as these vibrant women shared with Rodriguez their stories and their hearts, ultimately giving her the strength to leave her own unhealthy marriage and allow herself to love again, Afghan style.



Middle of Everywhere : Helping Refugees Enter the American Community

by *Pipher, Mary Bray* Year Published: 2002 Call number 305.9 PIP

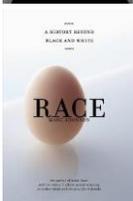
Tells the stories of newcomers to the United States, focusing on the author's home community in Nebraska, providing insight into how immigrants view Americans, and showing the effects of U.S. immigration policies.



No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America

by *Powers, Ron* Year Published: 2017 Call number 362.2 POW

Author Ron Powers offers a searching, richly researched narrative of the social history of mental illness in America paired with the deeply personal story of his two sons' battles with schizophrenia.



Race : A History Beyond Black and White

by *Aronson, Marc* Year Published: 2007 Call number 394.2663 ARO

Clear, fast-paced prose explores Western civilization throughout history, highlighting along the way not only the different forms that racial prejudice has taken, but the way in which it has manifested itself in the politics, philosophies, and beliefs of each group of people.



The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives

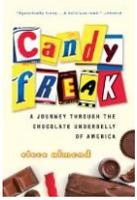
by *Slater, Dashka* Year Published: 2017 Call number 364.15 SLA

One teenager in a skirt.

One teenager with a lighter.

One moment that changes both of their lives forever.

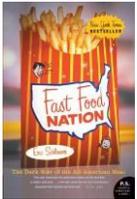
Business/Tech



Candyfreak : A Journey Through The Chocolate Underbelly Of America

by Almond, Steve Year Published: 2005 Call number 338.4 ALM

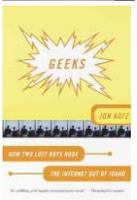
A self-proclaimed candy fanatic and lifelong chocoholic traces the history of some of the much-loved candies from his youth, describing the business practices and creative candy-making techniques of some of the small companies.



Fast Food Nation : The Dark Side of the All-American Meal

by Schlosser, Eric Year Published: 2005 Call number 394.1 SCH

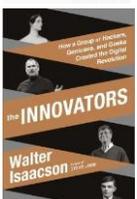
Presents an examination of the fast food industry, tracing its history and discussing how it arose in postwar America, as well as the impact it has had on economy, food production, and popular culture.



Geeks : How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho

by Katz, Jon Year Published: 2001 338.7 KAT

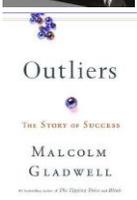
Describes how two nineteen-year-old working-class kids from a small town in Idaho overcame their lives as outsiders and reveals how they are using the Internet to redefine themselves and change their lives



Innovators : How a Group of Hackers, Geniuses, and Geeks Created the Digital Revolution

by Isaacson, Walter Year Published: 2014 920 ISA

Following his blockbuster biography of Steve Jobs, *The Innovators* is Walter Isaacson's revealing story of the people who created the computer and the Internet. It is destined to be the standard history of the digital revolution and an indispensable guide to how innovation really happens.

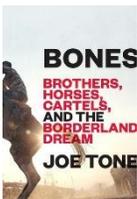


Outliers : The Story of Success

by Gladwell, Malcolm Year Published: 2008 Call number 302 GLA and OverDrive eBook

Identifies the qualities of successful people, posing theories about the cultural, family, and idiosyncratic factors that shape high achievers, in a resource that covers such topics as the secrets of software billionaires and why the Beatles earned their fame.

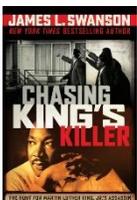
True Crime



Bones : brothers, horses, cartels, and the borderland dream

by Joe Tone Year Published: 2017 Call number 364.1 TON

The dramatic true story of two brothers living parallel lives on either side of the U.S.-Mexico border--and how their lives converged in a major criminal conspiracy. Jose Trevino was a devoted family man working as a bricklayer in Texas. Back in Mexico, his younger brother Miguel was ascending to the top ranks of Los Zetas, a notoriously bloody drug cartel.



Chasing King's Killer: The Hunt for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Assassin

by James L. Swanson Year Published: 2018 Call number 323.092 SWA

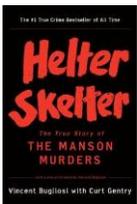
In his meteoric, thirteen-year rise to fame, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led a mass movement for Civil Rights -- with his relentless peaceful, non-violent protests, public demonstrations, and eloquent speeches. But as violent threats cast a dark shadow over Dr. King's life, Swanson hones in on James Earl Ray, a bizarre, racist, prison escapee who tragically ends King's life.



Columbine

by *Cullen, Dave*Year Published: 2010Call number 373.788 CUL

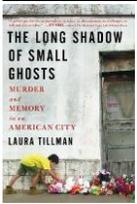
Provides an account of the shootings at Colorado's Columbine High School on April 20, 1999, focusing on the teenage killers Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, drawing from interviews, police files, psychological studies, and writings and tapes by the boys to look at the signs they left that disaster was looming.



Helter Skelter: The True Story of the Manson Murders

by *Bugliosi, Vincent*Year Published: 1994Call Number 364.1 BUG

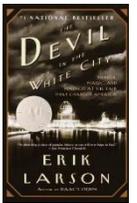
Recounts the story of the murder of seven people in Los Angeles in 1969 and the trial and conviction of the Manson "family" for the murders.



Long Shadow of Small Ghosts : Murder and Memory in an American City

by *Tillman, Laura*Year Published: 2016Call number 364.152 TIL

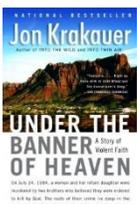
A personal investigation into the causes, effects and communal toll of the brutal murders of three young children by their parents in 2003 Brownsville, Texas, explores the questions the case raised about poverty, mental illness, the death penalty and the proposed demolition of the apartment building where the tragedy occurred.



The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America

by *Erik Larson*Year Published: 2004Call Number 364.152 LAR

Tells the parallel stories of Daniel Burnham, the main architect of the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, and serial killer Henry H. Holmes, discussing the challenges Burnham faced in creating the hugely successful White City, and looking at how Holmes used the opportunities afforded by the fair to lure victims to their deaths.

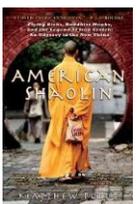


Under the banner of heaven : a story of violent faith

by *Jon Krakauer*Year Published: 2004Call number 289.3 KRA

Presents an account of the 1984 murder of Brenda Lafferty and her fifteen-month-old daughter Erica by Mormon Fundamentalists Ron and Dan Lafferty, brothers to the victims' husband and father who claim they were acting on an order directly from God, and provides insights into Mormon Fundamentalists and other extremist belief systems.

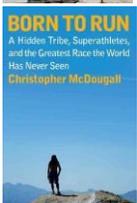
Sports



American Shaolin: Flying Kicks, Buddhist Monks, and the Legend of the Iron Crotch

by *Polly, Matthew*Year Published: 2007Call number 796.815 POL

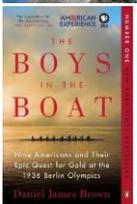
Growing up a ninety-eight-pound weakling tormented by bullies in the schoolyards of Kansas, Matthew Polly dreamed of one day journeying to the Shaolin Temple in China to become the toughest fighter in the world, like Caine in his favorite 1970s TV series *Kung Fu*.



Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen

by *McDougall, Christopher*Year Published: 2009Call number 796.42 MCD

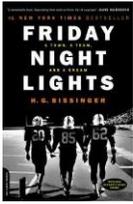
Recounts the author's experiences with the reclusive Tarahumara Indians, whose techniques allow them to run long distances with ease, and describes his training for a fifty-mile race with the tribe and a number of ultramarathoners.



Boys in the Boat : Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics

by *Brown, Daniel James*Year Published: 2014Call number 797.12 BRO and OverDrive eBook

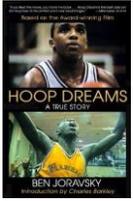
Tells how in 1936 the University of Washington's eight-oar crew, composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers who had mastered collegiate rowing, went on to the Berlin Olympics where they defeated Adolf Hitler's German team to achieve the Olympic gold medal.



Friday Night Lights : A Town, a Team, and a Dream

by *Bissinger, H. G.* Year Published: 2004 Call number 2004.796.332 BIS and OverDrive eBook

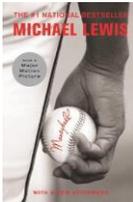
Follows the 1988 season of the Permian Panthers, a high school football team in Odessa, Texas, exploring the lives of the players and the impact of the championship team on the small town.



Hoop Dreams : A True Story of Hardship and Triumph

by *Joravsky, Ben* Year Published: 1995 Call number 920 JOR

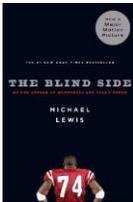
A study of the struggles of Arthur Agee and William Gates to win college scholarships and positions on professional teams follows the stories of their families, relationships, and personal aspirations



Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game

by *Lewis, Michael* Year Published: 2004 Call number 796.357 LEW

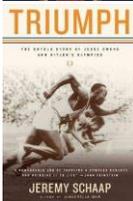
Moneyball is a quest for the secret of success in baseball. Following the low-budget Oakland Athletics, their larger-than-life general manager, Billy Beane, and the strange brotherhood of amateur baseball enthusiasts.



The Blind Side

by *Lewis, Michael* Year Published: 2007 Call number 92 Oher

Details the life of University of Mississippi football player Michael Oher, who was raised by a crack addicted mother and adopted at the age of sixteen by a wealthy family, and explores the rising importance and salary of the offensive left tackle in the game of football.

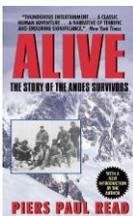


Triumph : The Untold Story of Jesse Owens and Hitler's Olympics

by *Schaap, Jeremy* Year Published: 2007 Call number 796.42 TRI

Presents a comprehensive analysis of the 1936 Olympic games hosted by Germany, America's threat to boycott the games, and the four Olympic gold medals won by African-American athlete Jesse Owens, whose performance crushed Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy.

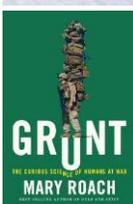
Adventure/Nature/Science



Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors

by *Read, Piers Paul* Year Published: 1974 Call number 982 REA

On October 12, 1972, a plane carrying a team of young rugby players crashed into the remote, snow-peaked Andes. Out of the forty-five original passengers and crew, only sixteen made it off the mountain alive.



Grunt : The Curious Science of Humans at War

by *Roach, Mary* Year Published: 2016 Call number 355 ROA

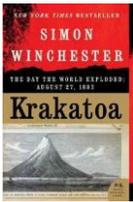
Tackles the science behind some of a soldier's most challenging adversaries--panic, exhaustion, heat, noise--and introduces us to the scientists who seek to conquer them.



Hidden Figures : The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians

by *Shetterly, Margot Lee* Year Published: 2016 Call number 510.92 LEE

An account of the previously unheralded but pivotal contributions of NASA's African-American women mathematicians to the space program describes how they were segregated from their white counterparts by Jim Crow laws in spite of their groundbreaking successes, in a best-selling account that inspired the forthcoming film.



Krakatoa : The Day The World Exploded: August 27, 1883

by Winchester, Simon Year Published: 2003 Call number 551.21 WIN

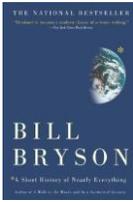
In August 1883, a catastrophic volcanic eruption off the coast of Java was followed by a tsunami that killed nearly 40,000 people. The author brings new perspective to this iconic event, showing how it marked a change in East-West relations.



Rats : Observations on the History and Habitat of the City's Most Unwanted Inhabitants

by Sullivan, Robert Year Published: 2004 Call number 599.35 SUL

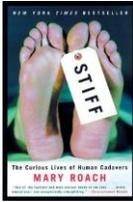
The author dispenses rat facts and rat stories, looking into the history of rats, and describes how, with the aid of a notebook and night-vision gear, he sat nightly in a garbage-filled alley getting to know the wild city rat.



Short History of Nearly Everything

by Bryson, Bill Year Published: 2003 500 BRY

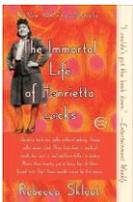
Nature and science writer Bill Bryson examines some of the mysteries of science, and attempts to understand not only what scientists know, but how they know it. Covers the creation of the universe, the size of the Earth, the origins of life, and other topics.



Stiff : The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers

by Roach, Mary Year Published: 2004 Call number 611 ROA

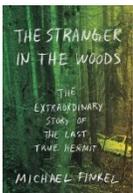
A compelling look inside the world of forensics examines the use of human cadavers in a wide range of endeavors, including research into new surgical procedures, the testing of the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin, space exploration, a Tennessee human decay research facility, and a Scandinavian funeral directors' conference on human composting.



The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by Skloot, Rebecca Year Published: 2011 Call Number 616 SKL and OverDrive eBook

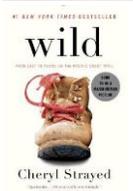
Examines the experiences of the children and husband of Henrietta Lacks, who, twenty years after her death from cervical cancer in 1951, learned doctors and researchers took cells from her cervix without consent which were used to create the immortal cell line known as the HeLa cell; provides an overview of Henrietta's life; and explores issues of experimentation on African-Americans and bioethics.



The stranger in the woods : the extraordinary story of the last true hermit

by Finkel, Michael Year Published: 2017 Call number 92 Knight

In 1986, twenty-year-old Christopher Knight left his home in Massachusetts, drove to Maine, and disappeared into the woods. He would not have a conversation with another human being until nearly three decades later when he was arrested for stealing food.



Wild : From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail

by Strayed, Cheryl Year Published: 2013 Call number 92 Strayed and OverDrive eBook

Cheryl Strayed recounts the impact of her mother's death on her life at age twenty-two and chronicles her experiences after she made the impulsive decision to hike the Pacific Crest Trail from the Mojave Desert all the way into Washington State.