

AP English Language & Composition:



2017 Summer Assignment

Summer reading may be required, but it need not be a chore. There is something here for everyone.

Take a few moments to look up the titles online; Amazon.com provides brief descriptions of each work. Choose a book that appeals to you.

Contemporary Issues: Choose one of the following commentaries on contemporary society.

Ali, Nujood. *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced*

Boo, Katherine. *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity*

Cain, Susan. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking*

Chua, Amy. *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*

Gladwell, Malcolm. *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants*

Hobbs, Jeff. *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League*

Johnson, Steven. *Everything Bad is Good for You: How Today's Popular Culture is Actually Making Us Smarter*

Kalanithi, Paul. *When Breath Becomes Air*

Kidder, Tracy. *Mountains Beyond Mountains*

Kristof, Nicholas D. *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity Worldwide*

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

Mealor, Bryan. *Muck City*

Moss, Michael. *Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us*

Nazario, Sonia. *Enrique's Journey*

Sandberg, Sheryl. *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*

Weiner, Eric. *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*

➡ Stop four times, at roughly even intervals throughout the book, and **write your personal response** to what you're reading. Are you bothered by the subject? Can you relate to it on a personal level? Does the author make claims you find hard to believe? Each entry should be approximately 250 words.

➡ Then, find and print three articles that discuss the same topic as the work you have chosen. Your sources may be print or online; please provide a complete MLA citation for each. **Write a brief summary of each article** and your own opinion regarding the issue. Each summary should be a minimum of 250 words.