

English IV (12th grade)

2021 Summer Reading Assignment

Mrs. Dunaway

rdunaway@dcawildcats.org

This summer you must choose one full-length work of NONFICTION to read. **Your book of choice must focus on the life of a notable world citizen OR on a significant event in world history.** Below are a few examples of books that would be good choices. Feel free to use one of them, or choose any other work of nonfiction that focuses on a notable world citizen or significant world history event.

Possible book choices:

- *Churchill: A Life* by Martin Gilbert
 - *Gandhi: His Life and Message for the World* by Louis Fischer
 - *Goodbye to All That* by Robert Graves
 - *Jane Austen: A Life Revealed* by Catherine Reef
 - *Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela
 - *Mother Teresa: A Life, Inspired* by Wyatt North
 - *Paul McCartney: The Life* by Philip Norman
 - *A Life of Picasso: The Prodigy* by John Richardson
 - *The European Union: Policies and Politics* by John McCormick
 - *The Fall of the Berlin Wall: Turning Points in History* by William F. Buckley
- Consider asking your history teacher for suggestions or doing an internet search for world citizen or world events nonfiction.

After reading the book, you must complete the writing responses listed below. The entire list of responses should be TYPED on one continuous document that you will PRINT OUT and hand in on the first day of school. Please type the full text of each question, followed by your response, written in complete sentences.

1. Type a one-paragraph summary of the book. Be sure to include the book's title and author in this!
2. What is the most important thing the author wanted you to learn or think about after reading the book? Explain.
3. Describe the most interesting thing YOU learned from the book.
4. Describe how you can use what you learned from this book in your own life.
5. Describe any text features the author used and how they affected your reading experience.
6. Describe anything or anyone you would like to know more about after reading the book. What about this person/event intrigued you? What more would you like to know?
7. A situation in the book reminds me of something that happened to me or someone else because...
8. The ideas or events in this book remind me of ideas or events in (another book, movies, news) because...
9. Describe what you would change about the book (or a particular part of the book) and why.
10. The passage on page(s)_____ is an example of good writing because.... (be sure to type the text of the passage before explaining your answer).
11. Describe new insights or understandings you have after reading the book.
12. Write out the text of an email you could send to the author of the book with your questions and responses to his/her writing.