



Tenth Grade Accelerated English Summer Reading Guidelines

For summer reading, all 10th grade English students will read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. Please make sure that you purchase the unabridged version of *Unbroken* (rather than the Young Adult Abridged Version). The ISBN number for the version you should purchase is **978-0-8129-7449-2**. Please understand that reading the abridged version is not an acceptable substitute for the full-length book, and reading the abridged version will not prepare you for the test. This novel contains depictions of war that are often graphic; I expect you to approach this as a mature reader. You are expected to read the novel carefully without using Internet summaries or any sources other than the actual book (including movies). You are required to make notes in your book; you will remember more of the storyline if you actively read.

In addition, you will read a short, non-fiction essay by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called "Letter from Birmingham Jail." You do not need to purchase a copy of this work; the link is <https://www.csuchico.edu/iege/assets/documents/susi-letter-from-birmingham-jail.pdf>.

Testing Guidelines

25% of your summer reading test grade is the annotation of your novel. You will show your novel to me on the day of the summer reading test. There are two required annotation components:

- 1) Make short notes in the margins of the pages. You should make short notes, at minimum, every ten pages. "Short notes" means 3 to 5-word phrases.
- 2) Write a short summary about each chapter on the last page of each chapter. This summary should be 4-5 sentences.

These short notes and summaries will help you actively read and, therefore, retain more of the storyline. You should always have a pen/pencil in your hand as you read.

75% of your summer reading test grade is a test on the plot of the novel and letter on Friday, August 11, 2023. The Compliance Form must be signed and returned on August 11 before your test. You will receive 11 points off your Summer Reading Test if the compliance form is not submitted at the beginning of the class period in which you take the test.

Below is an **optional** reading schedule. *Unbroken* is over 400 pages; following this schedule will get you used to the fast-paced rigor of Accelerated English II.

- Week 1: 5/31-6/5 – Chapters 1-4 (pgs. 3-39)
- Week 2: 6/6-6/12 – Chapters 5-7 (pgs. 40-81)
- Week 3: 6/13-6/19 – Chapters 8-10 (pgs. 82-118)



Week 4: 6/20-6/26 – Chapters 11-14 (pgs. 119-159)
Week 5: 6/27-7/3 – Chapters 15-19 (pgs. 160-205)
Week 6: 7/4-7/10 – Chapters 20-23 (pgs. 206-244)
Week 7: 7/11-7/17 – Chapters 24-27 (pgs. 245-281)
Week 8: 7/18-7/24 – Chapters 28-32 (pgs. 282-325)
Week 9: 7/25-7/31 – Chapters 33-36 (pgs. 326-369)
Week 10: 8/1-8/7 – Chapters 37-Epilogue (pgs. 370-406)