

AP Language and Composition
Summer 2022 Reading Assignment

I am so excited that you will be joining me during the 2022-2023 school year in our adventure together in AP Language and Composition. As you know, AP Language and Composition is a rigorous class that will challenge you as a reader, writer, and thinker. I am looking forward to getting to know each of you this year. My goals are for us to explore great literature together, to push ourselves as writers, and to put into question issues we face in our world today. I hope you will leave my class this year with the tools you need to succeed in higher education but also to be an active and responsible member of our society.

This summer I am asking you to complete one assignment. With the assignment I have tried to give you as much choice in your reading selections as possible. You will be responsible for finding your own copy of the novel that you choose to read. Having your own copy will allow you to take notes and annotate as you read. This will help you to become a stronger reader, and it will also help you once you begin the written assignments. You may also choose to check a book out from the local library. If you choose to do so, you may want to use post-it notes to take notes on as you read.

AP English Language and Composition students will select **ONE** memoir from the list to read. Once our class begins, either during the fall 2022 semester or the spring 2023 semester, we will have a few small assignments and one large assignment that you will complete using the memoir you selected, so be sure to have a good understanding of the work **BEFORE** the class begins. I highly recommend viewing Amazon or Barnes and Noble websites to read book summaries in order to find a favorite. You also may want to visit commonsensemedia.org to find out about mature content and language. Some books deal with more mature themes and have stronger language than others. I also recommend purchasing used copies of books to save money.

I look forward to learning with each of you this year. I hope you have a great summer. Happy reading!
Sincerely,

Amber Collins
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Memoirs

1. *Signs of Life* by Natalie Taylor
2. *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King
3. *The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid: A Memoir* by Bill Bryson
4. *Mom and Me and Mom* by Maya Angelou
5. *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America* by Firoozeh Dumas
6. *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* by Robert Pirsig
7. *If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home* by Tim O'Brien
8. *True Notebooks: A Writer's Year at Juvenile Hall* by Mark Sulzman
9. *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead* by Sheryl Sandberg
10. *Look Me in the Eye: My Life with Asperger's* by John Elder Robison
11. *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time* by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin
12. *One Writer's Beginnings* by Eudora Welty
13. *Mirror, Mirror Off the Wall: How I Learned to Love My Body by Not Looking at It for a Year* by Kjerstin Gruys

14. *The Longest Trip Home* by John Grogan
15. *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago
16. *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway
17. *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948* by Madeleine Albright
18. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba
19. *The Know-It-All : One Man's Humble Quest to Become the Smartest Person in the World* by A. J. Jacobs
20. *Love, Life, and Elephants: An African Love Story* by Dame Daphne Sheldrick
21. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
22. *Dust Tracks on a Road* by Zora Neale Hurston
23. *Walden on Wheels: On the Open Road from Debt to Freedom* by Ken Ilgunas
24. *Crazy U: One Dad's Crash Course in Getting His Kid into College* by Andrew Ferguson
25. *I'm Down* by Mishna Wolff
26. *Notebooks* by Tennessee Williams
27. *With and Without Her: A Memoir of Being and Losing a Twin* by Dorothy Foltz-Gray
28. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot
29. *All Over But the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg
30. *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes More
31. *Educated* by Tara Westover
32. *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
33. *The Color of Water* by James McBride
34. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls