



## AP LANGUAGE ENGLISH III SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

### 1. Read one of the following four books:

- *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer
- *The Great Influenza* by John M. Barry
- *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson
- *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave* by Frederick Douglass

- i. Annotate for big ideas and themes;
- ii. Write three questions you would like to explore.

### 2. Find a nonfiction text thematically related to your book.

### 3. Bring both texts to class the first week of school.

### Commonly Asked Questions:

- *How do I annotate my book?*
  - In each chapter, note several key details that jump out at you.
  - Look for big ideas and issues.
  - At the end of each chapter, write a short sentence that captures the main idea of the chapter.
    - This will prepare you to discuss the book with your classmates.
- *What kind of texts can I use to connect to the book?*
  - College Board defines a “text” as anything that conveys a perspective and can be examined.
    - Articles, video essays, documentaries, photography, research studies, podcasts, TedTalks, or something similar that has been published professionally is ideal.
- *How do I show my teacher the nonfiction text connection I found?*
  - Save the link to your resource and have it ready to share with your teacher at the start of school.
  - If you have a paper resource, just bring that with you.
- *How do I know if the nonfiction text is related to my book?*
  - Can you explain how the two are related? If you can, then, congratulations! They are related.
- *How will my summer reading assignment be used in class?*
  - In the first week of school, you will use both the book and the nonfiction text to complete a writing assignment.

### Exceptions:

If you are a new student to Boerne ISD and cannot complete the summer reading before the first day of school, teachers will make reasonable accommodations so that you may finish the reading and complete all assignments associated with it.

### Additional Questions:

Any further questions regarding the summer reading assignment should be directed to Chris Prince, the Secondary Reading Language Arts Coordinator, via email at: [chris.prince@boerneisd.net](mailto:chris.prince@boerneisd.net)

*Enjoy your summer reading!*