

Summer Reading Assignment AP Language and Composition 2026

For your summer reading assignment, you are required to read *Educated* by Tara Westover. Here is a description of the book from the Aspen Ideas convention website:

Raised by uncompromising survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover survived extreme adversity, from never being allowed to go to school, to suffering serious physical injuries (and a dad that prohibited doctors or hospitals), to being at the mercy of a volatile and often abusive older brother. How did she not only make it through this childhood, but ultimately achieve success at the highest levels? How does she look back on her childhood and her family? What has she learned from her incredible and improbable journey?

<https://www.aspenideas.org/sessions/educated-a-conversation-with-tara-westover?>

As you read, you will need to pay attention to issues Westover is focusing on. For example: education, gender issues, socioeconomic issues, identity, family relationships or other issues you notice yourself. Keep asking yourself, "What point is Westover trying to make or prove about this issue?"

Part 1: Keep a list of key Issues (6) that you notice come up in the book (the first is done for you).

Part 2: Identity 2 important quotes for each key issue from the book with the page #. Be sure the evidence is in the boxes below the issue that you identify in the text.

Part 1 → Key Issues	Education					
Part 2 → Evidence from text with page #						
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Part 3: You will use the quotes you have collected in a writing assignment during the first week of class. **Be prepared to turn in the 12 quotes with the key issues.**