

AP Language 2026-27 Summer Reading

As seniors, you are getting ready to serve as the student leadership of our school. In an effort to help you prepare for this momentous task, please choose **one book** from the list below, then complete the attached notes page. You may either print and hand write your responses OR complete the notes using Kami. *You may not use any online resources to help you complete the notes page.* Please ensure that your work reflects all of your own original thoughts. A hard copy is due on the first Friday of school.

Title	Pros	Cons	Best For
<u><i>Dare to Lead</i></u> , Brene Brown (2018)	- Emphasizes emotional intelligence, vulnerability, courage. - Personal and relatable style. - Good for diverse student interests.	- Some repetition. - "Soft skills" focus may not appeal to students wanting action-oriented leadership.	Empathy-driven future leaders, communicators, counselors.
<u><i>Extreme Ownership</i></u> , Jocko Willink and Leif Babin (2015)	- Highly action-driven. - Memorable leadership lessons (ownership, no excuses).	- War/military content may be heavy. - Very intense, masculine tone. - Needs prep for maturity.	Athletes, ROTC, engineering/technical-minded students.
<u><i>How to Win Friends and Influence People</i></u> , Dale Carnegie (1936)	- Timeless, very practical advice. - Easy to read, full of clear "how-to" points. - Excellent for communication, networking skills.	- Dated style at times (1930s tone). - Some advice can feel formulaic if not discussed critically.	Students looking to strengthen social skills, future business, law, communication majors.

Leadership Book Notes Page

****You may print this form and hand write your responses OR complete using Kami. You may not use Chat or other AI.**

You must turn in a hard copy on Friday, August 15.**

Student Name: _____

Title of Book Chosen: _____

Author: _____

Instructions:

As you read your selected leadership book, identify **6 to 8 leadership takeaways** — key ideas, quotes, or lessons that stood out to you. These takeaways should reflect the entirety of the book and not just reflect a few chapters. For each one, complete the three questions below. Be specific and thoughtful.

Leadership Takeaway #1

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #2

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #3

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #4

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #5

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #6

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. Include chapter AND page number.)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #7

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. **Include chapter AND page number.**)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Leadership Takeaway #8

1. What is the leadership idea, quote, or takeaway?

(Summarize the idea clearly, or write a direct quote. **Include chapter AND page number.**)

2. Why is this takeaway important or meaningful?

(Explain why this point stood out. Does it challenge you? Connect to Scripture? Reflect a good or bad leader you've known?)

3. How have you applied, or how could you apply, this principle in your life?

(Be honest — maybe this is something you've already worked on, or maybe it's something new you want to try.)

Final Reflections

In 3–5 sentences, reflect on how this book shaped your view of leadership. Has anything surprised you, challenged you, or changed how you see yourself as a leader?

In 3-5 sentences, reflect on whether or not you feel that *overall* this book reflects the teachings and ideas in the Bible. As a believer, you should filter what you read, learn, and experience through what the Bible teaches. Do you feel that implementing the takeaways you listed above will help develop your faith or your relationship with God? Explain why or why not.
