CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL

AP RESEARCH — SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

SUMMER 2026 · DUE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

OPTION 1

Girls: Generation Z and the Commodification of Everything

by Freya India

AP Research · Mr. Chambers · Annotated Hard Copy Required

This summer you will read, think about, and mark up Freya India's cultural study of how modern girlhood has been shaped and sold. Your annotations are not a formality — they are your intellectual record of a summer spent reading carefully.

ASSIGNMENT AT A GLANCE

MINIMUM ANNOTATIONS **100** Written by hand throughout the entire book	BOOK FORMAT **Hard Copy** Physical print edition only — no e-books or PDFs accepted
ANNOTATION METHOD **Handwritten** In the margins or on physical sticky notes	TYPED ANNOTATIONS **Not Accepted** Printed or digital notes will not receive credit

Where to write your annotations: You have two acceptable options. You may write directly in the margins, on blank pages, or in any white space within your hard copy. Alternatively, you may use physical sticky notes attached to the relevant pages. Both methods may be combined. Typed, printed, or digitally submitted annotations are not allowed.

Your book must be purchased — library copies and borrowed books will not be accepted, as I will review your annotations in the physical copy you bring to class on Tuesday, September 8. Be sure your copy includes your name (written in the book or on a sticky inside the front cover).

WHAT MAKES A STRONG ANNOTATION

Ask a question What confuses or challenges you?	**Make a connection** To other texts, events, or your own life
Define or note a key term Words, concepts, or ideas worth tracking	**Agree or push back** Your honest intellectual response
Identify an argument What claim is India making here?	**Note a rhetorical move** How does her writing work?

REQUIREMENTS & EXPECTATIONS

- A minimum of **100 handwritten annotations** distributed throughout the book — not concentrated in a single chapter.
- Annotations must be substantive: a checkmark, underline, or single word does not count toward the minimum.
- Sticky notes must be firmly adhered to the relevant page and clearly reference the text they address.
- No typed, printed, or digital annotations accepted — no exceptions.
- Bring your annotated hard copy to class on Tuesday, September 8.
- Students who purchase the book through digital retailers must ensure they are ordering the physical print edition.

Where to purchase: Freya India's *Girls* is available at most major booksellers, including independent bookstores, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and Target. ISBN: 978-0063399624. Allow time for shipping if ordering online — the book must be in hand before summer ends.

Questions over the summer may be directed to Mr. Chambers at achambers@clarenceschools.org. I look forward to discussing this book with you in the fall.

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