

# ENGLISH 11 CP NON-FICTION READING LIST

## SURVIVAL & ADVENTURE

*Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer | Pages: 337

A harrowing tale of the Mt. Everest disaster. Krakauer recounts the men and women involved, their bad luck, worse judgment, and heart breaking heroism.

*Alive* by Piers Paul Read | Pages: 318

An adventure of survival, insurmountable odds, and what people will do to survive, *Alive* tells the tale of sixteen men whose plane crashes in the Andes.

*In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel Philbrick | Pages: 238

Philbrick's book is a fantastic saga of survival and adventure, steeped in the lore of whaling. Philbrick uses little-known documents and vivid details about the Nantucket whaling tradition to reveal the chilling facts of this infamous maritime disaster.

*Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage* by Alfred Lansing | Pages: 288

Sir Ernest Shackleton's daring attempt to cross the South Pole comes to life. It is an exhilarating account of the men who lived the extraordinary Antarctic adventure, one of the greatest episodes in the history of polar exploration and survival.

*Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand | Pages: 473

This is a rich and vivid narrative of an unforgettable story of a man's journey in extremity. It is a testament to the resilience of the human mind, body, and spirit.

## BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

*Freakonomics* by Levitt, Steven D. and Stephen J. Dubner | Pages: 320

*Freakonomics* is considered readable, interesting, and ground-breaking. Levitt studies the riddles of everyday life—from cheating and crime to parenting and sports—and reaches conclusions that turn conventional wisdom on its head. Economics is, at root, the study of incentives—how people get what they want or need, especially when other people want or need the same thing.

*Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell | Pages: 309

"Outlier" is a term to describe things or phenomena that lie outside normal experience. Gladwell is interested in outliers—in men and women who, for one reason or another, are so accomplished and so extraordinary and so outside of ordinary experience.

## BIOGRAPHY

*When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi | Pages: 208

A young neurosurgeon faced with a terminal cancer diagnosis attempts to answer the questions: What makes life worth living in the face of death? What do you do when the future, no longer a ladder toward your goals in life, flattens out into a perpetual present? These are some of the questions Kalanithi wrestles with in this profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir.

## OTHER

*Seabiscuit* by Laura Hillenbrand | Pages: 452

Sports biography of a great American race horse in Depression era America.

*Columbine* by Dave Cullen | Pages: 360

Ten years in the making and a masterpiece of reportage, "Columbine" is an award-winning journalist's definitive account of one of the most shocking massacres in American history. It is driven by two questions: what drove these killers, and what did they do to this town?

*This Is Your Brain on Music: The Science of a Human Obsession* by Daniel J. Levitin | Pages: 314

What can music teach us about the brain? What can the brain teach us about music? And what can both teach us about ourselves? In this groundbreaking union of art and science, rocker-turned-neuroscientist Daniel J. Levitin explores the connection between music - its performance, its composition, how we listen to it, why we enjoy it - and the human brain.

*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain | Pages: 337

Although they are often labeled "quiet," it is to introverts that we owe many of the great contributions to society. Passionately argued, impressively researched, and filled with stories of real people, *Quiet* shows how much we undervalue introverts. This book has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and how introverts see themselves.