

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

2018 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS

The following assignments are due by the first day of school.
If you have questions, email Mrs. Lee at clee@bcseagles.org.

ASSIGNMENT 1: SET UP A GOODREADS.COM ACCOUNT

Use this website to track the start date and finish date of **both** of your summer books. You **must** add me as a friend – find me through my personal email address: catherinelee33@gmail.com.

Grade Value: Participation Grade (for setting up account and adding Mrs. Lee as a friend)

ASSIGNMENT 2: CLASS NOVEL – FAHRENHEIT 451

All juniors are required to read *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury this summer. Keep your bookmark and track your progress on Goodreads. There will be a reading comprehension **quiz** on the first day of school on both the book and info guide. This book is provided by the school.

Grade Values: Quiz (on first day of school) and Homework Grade (for tracking start and end dates on Goodreads)

ASSIGNMENT 3: NON-FICTION BOOK - STUDENT CHOICE

In addition to *Fahrenheit 451*, choose a second book from the list provided. Many of these books appear on national College Reading Lists; therefore, they may contain mature language and content. Talk to your parents, do your research, and choose a book that is appropriate for you. You are responsible for acquiring the book; it is not provided by the school. Don't forget to check with the local library, friends, and family members. **YOU MAY NOT CHOOSE A BOOK YOU HAVE ALREADY READ.**

Grade Value: Homework Grade (for tracking start and end dates on Goodreads)

ASSIGNMENT 4: JOURNAL

You will create 3 journal entries for your non-fiction reading selection. They should NOT focus on plot summary. No outside sources are required. You may use first person, but refrain from informal tone and diction. **Each** journal entry should be a minimum of 2 full paragraphs. It must be typed, Times New Roman, 12 pt font. The specific layout of each page is up to you. Your journal is due on the first day of school.

- Entry 1: Purpose & Tone
What is the author's primary message or overall purpose for writing the book? What is the tone and how does it affect the book as a whole?
- Entry 2: Appeals
Which appeal was used most? (ethos, pathos, logos) Explain the effect of this appeal. Provide one example from the book.
- Entry 3: Personal Response
What did you like most about the book? What did you like the least?

Grade Value: Quiz Grade

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SURVIVAL & ADVENTURE

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer | Pages: 337

A bank of clouds was assembling on the not-so-distant horizon, but Jon Krakauer, standing on the summit of Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed five lives and left countless more in guilt-ridden disarray, would also provide the impetus for Krakauer's epic account of the May 1996 disaster.

Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors by Piers Paul Read | Pages: 318

On October 12, 1972, a plane carrying a team of young rugby players crashed into the remote, snow-peaked Andes. Out of the forty-five original passengers and crew, only sixteen made it off the mountain alive. For ten excruciating weeks they suffered deprivations beyond imagining, confronting nature head-on at its most furious and inhospitable. And to survive, they were forced to do what would have once been unthinkable.

Into Harm's Way: The Sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis by Doug Stanton | Pages: 384

On July 30, 1945, the USS *Indianapolis* was torpedoed in the South Pacific by a Japanese submarine. An estimated three hundred men were killed upon impact; close to nine hundred sailors were cast into the Pacific Ocean, where they struggled to stay alive, battered by a savage sea and fighting off sharks, hypothermia, and dementia. Interweaving the stories of three survivors—the captain, the ship's doctor, and a young marine—journalist Doug Stanton has brought this astonishing human drama to life. *In Harm's Way* is a classic tale of war, survival, and extraordinary courage.

In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex by Nathaniel Philbrick | Pages: 302

Philbrick's book is a fantastic saga of survival and adventure, steeped in the lore of whaling, with deep resonance in American literature and history. 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: 282

In August of 1914, the British ship *Endurance* set sail for the South Atlantic. In October 1915, still half a continent away from its intended base, the ship was trapped, then crushed in the ice. For five months, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men, drifting on ice packs, were castaways in one of the most savage regions of the world. Lansing describes how the men survived a 1,000-mile voyage in an open boat across the stormiest ocean on the globe. The book recounts a harrowing adventure, but ultimately it is the nobility of these men and their indefatigable will that shines through.

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

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline, and blood. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War. The lieutenant's name was Louis Zamperini. Driven to the limits of endurance, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity; suffering with hope, resolve, and humor; brutality with rebellion.

Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson | Pages: 335

In the fall of 1991, two weekend scuba divers were not prepared for what they found 230 feet below the surface in the frigid Atlantic waters sixty miles off the coast of New Jersey: a World War II German U-boat, its ruined interior a macabre wasteland of metal, wires, and human bones—all buried under decades of sediment. Kurson's account is at once thrilling and emotionally complex, and it is written with a vivid sense of what divers actually experience when they meet the dangers of the ocean's underworld.

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 people who are outliers—in men and women who, for one reason or another, are so accomplished and so extraordinary and so outside of ordinary experience.

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot | Pages: 370

Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. A poor Southern tobacco farmer, her cells—taken without her knowledge—became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first “immortal” human cells grown in culture, they are still alive today, though she has been dead for more than sixty years. HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine, uncovering secrets of cancer, and the atom bomb’s effects.

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.

A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley | Pages: 288

Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite being happy in his new family, Saroo always wondered about his origins. The advent of Google Earth led him to pore over satellite images of the country for landmarks he recognized.

With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa by Eugene B. Sledge | Pages: 326

Born in Alabama in 1923 and raised on riding, hunting, fishing, and a respect for history and legendary heroes such as George Washington and Daniel Boone, Eugene Bondurant Sledge (later called "Sledgehammer" by his Marine Corps buddies) joined the Marines the year after the bombing of Pearl Harbor and from 1943 to 1946 endured the events recorded in this book. Based on the notes he kept on slips of paper tucked secretly away in his New Testament, he recalls those long months. The reality of battle meant unbearable heat, deafening gunfire, unimaginable brutality and cruelty, the stench of death, and constant fear.

The Woman Who Smashed Codes by Jason Fagone | Pages: 444

Jason Fagone chronicles the life of an extraordinary woman who played an integral role in our nation's history for forty years. After World War I, Smith used her talents to catch gangsters during Prohibition, then accepted a covert mission to discover Nazi spy rings spreading across South America. As World War II raged, Elizabeth fought a highly classified battle of wits against Hitler's Reich, cracking multiple versions of the Enigma machine used by German spies. Fagone unveils America's code-breaking history through the prism of Smith's life, bringing into focus the unforgettable events and colorful personalities that helped shape modern intelligence.

Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea by Barbara Demick | Pages: 316

Nothing to Envy follows the lives of six North Koreans over fifteen years. Journalist Barbara Demick brings to life what it means to be living under the most repressive totalitarian regime today—a world that is by choice not connected to the Internet, in which radio and television dials are welded to the one government station, and where displays of affection are punished; a police state where informants are rewarded and where an offhand remark can send a person to the gulag. Through meticulous reporting, we see six average North Korean citizens fall in love, raise families, and struggle for survival. One by one, they realize their government has betrayed them.

HISTORY

The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl by Timothy Egan | Pages: 312

The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Following a dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, Egan tells of their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding black dust blizzards, crop failure, and the death of loved ones. Brilliantly capturing the terrifying drama of catastrophe, Egan does equal justice to the human characters who become his heroes, “the stoic, long-suffering men and women whose lives he opens up with urgency and respect.”

102 Minutes by Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn | Pages: 384

At 8:46 am on September 11, 2001, 14,000 people were inside the twin towers. Over the next 102 minutes, each would become part of history. Of the many accounts written about this wrenching day, most were told from the outside looking in. *New York Times* reporters Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn have taken the opposite approach. Reported from the perspectives of those inside the towers, *102 Minutes* captures the little-known stories of ordinary people who took extraordinary steps to save themselves and others. Dwyer and Flynn rely on hundreds of interviews with rescuers, oral histories, and countless phone, e-mail, and emergency radio transcripts.

SPORTS

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand | Pages: 452

The racehorse Seabiscuit was one of the most electrifying and popular attractions in sports history and the single biggest newsmaker in the world in 1938, but his success was a surprise to the racing establishment, which had written off the crooked-legged racehorse with the sad tail. Over four years, unlikely partners survived a phenomenal run of bad fortune, conspiracy, and severe injury to transform Seabiscuit from a neurotic, pathologically indolent horse into an American sports icon.

Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game by Michael Lewis | Pages: 317

Billy Beane, general manager of MLB's Oakland A's had a problem: how to win in the Major Leagues with a budget that's smaller than that of nearly every other team. Conventional wisdom long held that big name, highly athletic hitters and young pitchers with rocket arms were the ticket to success. But Beane and his staff believed that wins could be had by more affordable methods such as hitters with high on-base percentage and pitchers who get lots of ground outs. Given this information and a tight budget, Beane defied tradition and his own scouting department to build winning teams of young affordable players and inexpensive castoff veterans.

TRUE CRIME

Columbine by Dave Cullen | Pages: 360

What really happened April 20, 1999? Dave Cullen was one of the first reporters on scene of the shocking school shooting and spent ten years on this book which is widely recognized as the definitive account. With a keen investigative eye and psychological acumen, he draws on mountains of evidence, insight from the world's leading forensic psychologists, and the killers' own words and drawings - several reproduced in an appendix. Cullen paints raw portraits of two polar opposite killers. They contrast starkly with the flashes of resilience and redemption among the survivors.

The Lynching of Emmett Till by Christopher Metress | Pages: 360

In 1955, 14 year old Emmett Till, visiting from Chicago, was abducted from his great-uncle's cabin in Mississippi. When his corpse was found three days later and two white men were arrested for his murder, Till's death became the spark that set off the civil rights movement. With a collection of more than one hundred documents, Metress retells Till's story in a unique and daring way.

The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair by Erik Larson | Pages: 447

Erik Larson imbues the events surrounding the 1893 Chicago World's Fair with drama. Larson tells the stories of two men: Daniel H. Burnham, the architect responsible for the fair's construction, and H.H. Holmes, a serial killer masquerading as a charming doctor.

OTHER

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

At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking, reading to partying; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over brainstorming in teams. 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.

Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth | Pages: 352

Why do some people succeed and others fail? Psychologist Angela Duckworth shows parents, educators, students, and business people that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a focused persistence called grit. Sharing new insights from her landmark research on grit, Duckworth explains why talent is hardly a guarantor of success. Rather, other factors can be even more crucial such as identifying our passions and following through on our commitments.