

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

2019 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.

○ SET UP A GOODREADS.COM ACCOUNT (RETURNING STUDENTS SHOULD ALREADY HAVE ONE)

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)

○ READ STUDENT CHOICE BOOK (NON-FICTION)

Choose a book from the list provided. Track on Goodreads the dates you start and finish reading. You are responsible for acquiring the book. **DON'T CHOOSE ONE YOU'VE ALREADY READ.** Some books contain mature language/content. Talk to your parents and choose the right book!

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

○ WRITE JOURNAL ENTRIES

Write 3 journal entries for your non-fiction reading selection. 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. Turn in a hard copy 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) Were any other appeals used? Explain the effect of this appeal. Provide one example from the book.
- **ENTRY 3: PERSONAL RESPONSE** What did you like most? What did you like the least?

Grade Value: Quiz Grade

○ READ CLASS NOVEL: FAHRENHEIT 451

Track start and end dates on Goodreads. There will be a reading comprehension **quiz** on the first day of school on the book and summer guide (Book provided by the school).

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

○ CHECK SCHOOL EMAIL & LEECLASSROOM.COM FOR UPDATES/RESOURCES

ENGLISH 11 HONORS NON-FICTION READING LIST

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. 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.

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, the ship was trapped, then crushed in the ice. For five months, Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men 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.

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. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the WWII. The lieutenant was Louis Zamperini. Driven to the limits, 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 below the surface in the frigid Atlantic waters sixty miles off the coast of New Jersey: a World War II German U-boat, its interior a macabre wasteland of metal and human bones. Kurson's account is thrilling and emotionally complex, and it is written with a vivid sense of what divers actually experience.

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

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 on the streets of Kolkata, before being 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.

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.

MODERN HISTORY

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. 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.

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.

TRUE CRIME

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

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

At least 1/3 of the people we know are introverts. They prefer listening to speaking, reading to partying; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion. Although they are often labeled "quiet," it is to introverts that we owe many of the great contributions to society. Impressively researched and filled with stories of real people, *Quiet* shows how much we undervalue introverts.

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

Why do some people succeed and others fail? Psychologist Angela Duckworth shows that the secret to achievement is not talent but a focused persistence called grit. Sharing insights from her landmark research, 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.