

ENGLISH 11 COLLEGE PREP

2020 SUMMER READING PACKET

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

○ READ STUDENT CHOICE BOOK (This book is NOT provided by the school)

Choose a book from the attached list. **DO NOT CHOOSE A BOOK YOU HAVE ALREADY READ.** You are responsible for acquiring your own book. Some contain mature language/content. Talk to your parents and choose one appropriate for you.

○ SET UP A GOODREADS.COM ACCOUNT (Returning students already have an account)

Use this website to track your summer reading and to write your book review (see below). You **must** add me as a friend so that I can see and grade your review – find me through my personal email address: catherinelee33@gmail.com. If you have trouble with this step, please email me.

○ WRITE GOODREADS REVIEW

Post on Goodreads an in-depth review of your Student Choice book (NOT *Fahrenheit 451*). Use at least 1 quote from the book. No other sources are required. You may write in first person, but avoid overly informal tone and diction. Use the following questions to get you started, but you do not need to answer every question. **Minimum length: 2 full paragraphs.**

- What is your personal response to the book? What did you like most? What did you like least?
- Did you learn anything new?
- Are the characters or the story interesting and compelling?
- What was a theme throughout the book?
- Was the use of data, statistic, and facts (if used) useful and interesting?
- What is the author's overall message or purpose?

Grade Value: Quiz Grade (for successfully posting a review on Goodreads BEFORE the first day of school)

○ READ CLASS NOVEL: FAHRENHEIT 451 (This book is provided by the school)

Skip the intro sections. There will be a reading comprehension **quiz** on the first day of school on the book and the bookmark.

Grade Values: Quiz (on first day of school)

○ CHECK YOUR SCHOOL EMAIL PERIODICALLY FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGLISH 11 CP NON-FICTION READING LIST

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 endured an impossible voyage in the stormiest ocean on the globe.

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

Unbroken begins with an account of Louis Zamperini's childhood and early dreams of being a track athlete in California. But everything changed during World War II when his Army Air Force bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the war. Driven to and beyond human limits, Zamperini would answer desperation with ingenuity, suffering with hope.

Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer | Pages: 337

A bank of clouds was assembling on the horizon, but Jon Krakauer, standing on Mt. Everest, saw nothing that "suggested that a murderous storm was bearing down." He was wrong. The storm, which claimed lives and left countless more in guilt-ridden disarray, provides 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 from Uruguay crashed into the remote, snow-peaked Andes. 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.

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, *New York Times* reporters Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn gathered stories from those inside the towers, telling the little-known stories of ordinary people who took extraordinary steps to save themselves and others.

Educated by Tara Westover | Pages: 334

Born to Mormon survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, Tara grew up stockpiling for the end of the world. Her parents never sent her school and never took her to a doctor. Her family was so isolated that there was no one to ensure she was cared for, and no one to protect her from violence within her own family. Lacking any formal education, Tara began to educate herself. *Educated* is an account of the struggle for self-invention and the determined will to change one's own fate.

Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah | Pages: 285

Trevor Noah, host of *The Daily Show*, was born to a white father and black mother in apartheid South Africa during a time when such a union was illegal. His collection of personal essays are both hilarious and dramatic. Whether subsisting on caterpillars during hard times, being thrown from a moving car, or just trying to survive dating in high school, Trevor paints a portrait of a boy making his way through a damaged world, armed only with a sense of humor and a mother's love.

A Long Way Home by Saroo Brierley | Pages: 288

Saroo became 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. His story provided the inspiration for the 2016 movie *Lion*.

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.

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 research, Duckworth explains why talent is hardly a guarantor of success.