

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

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 1 quote from the book per paragraph. No other sources are required.
 - Paragraph 1: 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?
 - Paragraph 2: What rhetorical appeals were used most? (ethos, pathos, logos)
Were any other appeals used? Explain the effect of these appeals.
 - Paragraph 3: What did you learn from the book?
What did you like most? What did you like least?

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 H NON-FICTION READING LIST

SURVIVAL & ADVENTURE

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.

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.

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.

BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

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.

When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi | Pages: 208

A young neurosurgeon faced with terminal cancer 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 profound, moving, and philosophical memoir.

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*.

SPORTS

Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold by Daniel James Brown | Pages: 404

This is the dramatic story of the University of Washington's 1936 eight-oar rowing team and their epic quest for an Olympic gold medal at Hitler's 1936 Berlin Olympics. The sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, the crew is mentored by a visionary, eccentric British boat builder. Drawing on the boys' own journals and photos, *The Boys in the Boat* is a story about facing the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times.

Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand | Pages: 452

The racehorse Seabiscuit was the single biggest newsmaker in the world in 1938. 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 the Oakland A's in the early 2000s had a problem: how to win in the Major Leagues with a budget smaller than that of nearly every other team. Conventional wisdom held that big name hitters and young pitchers with rocket arms were the ticket to success. But Beane and his staff had a different approach. He defied tradition and his own scouting department to build teams of young affordable players and inexpensive castoff veterans.

TRUE CRIME

Columbine by Dave Cullen | Pages: 360

What really happened April 20, 1999? Cullen was one of the first reporters on scene of the shocking school shooting and spent ten years on this book. With an investigative eye and psychological acumen, he draws on evidence, insight from forensic psychologists, and the killers' own words and drawings (several are reproduced in an appendix). Cullen paints raw portraits of two polar-opposite killers who contrast with resilience of the survivors.

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. Larson alternates back and forth between detailed information about the World's Fair and Holmes' plans to lure his unsuspecting victims.

OTHER

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

"Outlier" is something that lies outside normal experience. Gladwell is interested in people who are outliers: the best and the brightest, the most famous and most successful. What makes high-achievers different? He explains the secrets to the success of people like Bill Gates and the Beatles, as well as many other accounts of success. According to Gladwell, pay too much attention to the success and too little attention on how early experiences can powerfully shape success.

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

Freakonomics is 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.

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. Rather, other factors can be even more crucial such as identifying our passions and following through on our commitments.

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. Introverts innovate and create, but dislike self-promotion. Although they are often labeled "quiet," it is to introverts that we owe many great contributions to society. Impressively researched and filled with stories of real people, *Quiet* shows how much we undervalue introverts.