

ENGLISH 11 HONORS

2021 SUMMER READING PACKET

The following assignments are due by the first day of school.

BOOK 1 (STUDENT CHOICE BOOK)

- **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 reading and to write your book review. You **must** add me as a friend so that I can see 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. Use 1 direct quote from the book per paragraph. No other sources are required. It is due **before** the first day of school and it is worth a quiz grade.
 - Paragraph 1: What is the author’s overall message?
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?

BOOK 2 (FAHRENHEIT 451)

- **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 bookmark.

ENGLISH 11H 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: The Untold Story of the Flight to Survive Inside the Twin Towers 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.

In Harm's Way: The Sinking of the USS Indianapolis by Doug Stanton | Pages: 339

In 1945, the USS *Indianapolis* was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine. This is the harrowing account of America's worst naval disaster and of the heroism of the men who survived against all odds. They struggled to survive, battered by the sea and fighting off sharks, hypothermia, and dementia. Doug Stanton writes the definitive account of a little-known chapter in World War II history.

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.

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.

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.

OTHER

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson | Pages: 336

Bryan Stevenson was a young lawyer when he founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a nonprofit law office in Alabama, dedicated to defending the poor, the incarcerated, and the wrongly condemned. *Just Mercy* tells the story of EJI, from the early days to revolutionary projects designed to confront Americans with our history of racial injustice. It is an unforgettable story about the potential for mercy to redeem us, and a call to end mass incarceration.

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.

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.