



Dear American Literature Scholars,

For the rest of second semester, we will immerse ourselves in contemporary American issues by exploring full-length works of highly acclaimed nonfiction. Because you have proven yourselves to be capable of critical reading, thinking, and discussion, I would like you to select your own work of nonfiction to read with a small book club. You choose which book from the list you read and with whom you'd like to read it. **Please select a book you have not previously read.**

Attached is a list of American books of nonfiction that explore contemporary issues. If you'd like a school-approved book, please let me know so I can help you choose. While all of these books are of high literary merit and cultural significance, many have not been approved by the district because they are too new. You will need to check out your book from a library or purchase it.

You need the following by Monday, April 22 at the latest:

- (1) A copy of your book.**
- (2) This completed, signed approval form.**

Everyone needs to fill out the approval form below. You will also need a signature from your parent or guardian.

Book title: _____

Book author: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent signature: _____ Date: _____