

AP LANG (OPTIONAL) Enrichment Reading/Writing Opportunity - Proposed Titles

PLEASE BE SURE TO REACH OUT TO ME (gbrunak@pps.net) IF YOU (FIRST!) look over this list, and DO NOT SEE A NON-FICTION, APPROPRIATELY challenging (upper high school) text that you have in mind.

Some more recent NON-FICTION books that I've read include:

The Color of Water - James McBride
How We Fight for Our Lives - Saeed Jones
All You Can Ever Know - Nicole Chung
American Wolf - Nate Blakeslee
Go Ahead in the Rain - Hanif Abdurraqib
Good Talk - Mira Jacob
Apeirogon - Colum McCann
Talking to Strangers - Malcolm Gladwell

Memoirs/Biographies

Walter Issacson: *Steve Jobs*
John Howard Griffin: *Black Like Me*
Dave Pelzer: *A Child Called "It"*
Dave Sobel: *Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of his Time*
Tobias Wolff: *This Boy's Life*
Charles Shields: *And So It Goes: Kurt Vonnegut: A Life*
Tina Fey: *Bossypants*
Alex Haley: *The Autobiography. Of Malcolm X*
Barack Obama: *Dreams from My Father*
Bob Dylan: *Together Through Life*
Robert Hardy: *A Deeper Blue: The Life and Music of Townes Van Zandt*
Mark Twain: *Autobiography Mark Twain*
Agnes Kamara-Manna: *And Still Peace Did Not Come*
Rosamond Car: *Land of a Thousand Hills*
Jean-Dominique Baby: *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly*
Steve Lopez: *The Soloist*
Greg Grandin: *Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City*
Dave Eggers: *Zeitoun*

Science/Math/Economics

Viktor Mayer-Schonberg: *Big Data*
Oliver Sacks: *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat; Musicophilia; Hallucinations*
Charles Seife: *Zero: The Biography of a Dangerous Idea*
Joshua Foer: *Moonwalking with Einstein*
Neil Degrasse Tyson: *Death by Black Hole*
Dave Sober: *Longitude: The True Story of a Lone Genius Who Solved the Greatest Scientific Problem of his Time*

Brian Greene: *Fabric of the Cosmos*
E.O. Wilson: *The Diversity of Life*
Sebastian Seung: *Connectome*
Mario Livio: *The Golden Ratio*
Siddhartha Mukherjee: *The Emperor of all Maladies: A Biography of Cancer*
Arica Orient: *In the Land 'of Invented Languages*
John McWhorter: *The Power of Babel: A Natural History of Language*

History

Howard Zinn: *A People's History*
S.C. Gwynne: *Empire of the Summer Moon*
John M. Barry: *The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*
Mark Kolinsky: *Salt: A World History*
John Perkins: *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*
Dee Alexander Brown: *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*
Daron Acemoglu, James Robinson: *Why Nations Fail*
Jared Diamond: *Guns, Germs, and Steel*
Barbara Demick: *Nothing to Envy; Ordinary Lives in North Korea*
Daniel Walker Howe: *What Hath God Wrought*
Michael R. Gordon and Bernard E. Trainor: *The End Game*
Stephen Greenblatt: *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*
Joby Warrick: *The Triple Agent: The al-Qaeda. Male who Infiltrated the CIA*
Tim Weiner; *Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA*

Travel

Jeanette Walls: *Glass Castle*
Robert Parsing: *Zen and the Art 'a Motorcycle Maintenance*
David Grann: *The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon*

Essays

Ta-Nehisi Coates: *We Were Eight Years in Power*
Susan Sontag: *Against Interpretation; As Consciousness is Harnessed to Flesh*
Joan Didion: *The Year a Magical Thinking*
John Updike: *Higher Gossip*
Gore Vidal: *United States: Essays 1952-1992*
Milan Kinder: *The Curtain*

Culture

Andrew Sullivan: *Virtually Normal*
Daniel Kahneman: *Thinking Fast and Slow*
Susan Cain: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*
Nicholas D. Kristofer, Sheryl Widen: *Half the Sky*
Elaine Pagels: *Revelations*
Adeline Yen Mash's: *Chinese Cinderella-The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter*
Thomas Friedman: *The World is Flat*
Carl Sagan: *The Demon Haunted World*

His Holiness The Dalai Lama: *Beyond Religion*
Irina Ratushinskaya: *Grey is the Color of Hope*
Daniel H. Pink: *Drive*
Mark Pendergrass: *Uncommon Grounds: How Coffee Changed the World*
Diane Ravitch: *The Language Police*
Marc Reiner: *Cadillac Desert*
Michael Pollan: *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
Azar Nafisi: *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
Chip and Dan Heath: *Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die*
Erik Larson: *The Devil in the White City*
Mary Roach: *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*
R. Jay Magill Jr.: *Sincerity*
Benjamin Barber: *Jihad v. McWorld*
Stephen King: *On Writing*
Tom Wolfe: *The Electric Kool Aid Acid Test*
Raja Esme Cavell: *Educating Esme: Diary of a Teacher's First Year*
Jonathan Mooney: *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal*
Eric Schlosser: *Fast Food Nation*
Barbara Ehrenreich: *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America*
Malcolm Gladwell: *Outliers: The Story of Success; David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants*
Jonathan Kozol: *Savage Inequalities*