

AP/GT Phoenix III

Summer Reading, 2025



Assignment: Read at least three books this summer: one for discussion as a class during the first week of school and at least two more of your own choosing, simply for pleasure.

- **Book #1: Teacher Choice:** *The Signet Book of American Essays*, Edited by M. Jerry Weiss and Helen S. Weiss ISBN-10: 0451530217 ISBN-13: 978-0451530219
- Read Mark Twain's "Advice to Youth" and at least three (3) other selections from this essay collection. You may read any three that you like **EXCEPT** "Letter from Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King, Jr. and "Civil Disobedience" by Henry David Thoreau which we will read together later in the school year.
- Be prepared to discuss Twain's essay and your three chosen selections during the first week of school.
- **Some copies available in Dr. Boorman's room (F224) to borrow, if needed.**

Selection:

- Emerson, *The American Scholar*
- Einstein,  Einstein, *On Education* p 94-100.pdf
- Cisneros, *Only Daughter*

Books #2 and #3: Student Choice: Read at least two books of your own choosing.

For your summer reading, you have the exciting option to choose two books that truly interest you! You can select a title from a list of recommended authors or you are welcome to choose a book that is not on the list. Regardless of your selection, we encourage you to choose books with literary merit – stories and non-fiction that are well-written, thought-provoking, and offer valuable insights or perspectives. This will ensure you have an engaging and enriching reading experience over the summer.

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- **be non-fiction**
- they may be from any genre (history, science fiction, memoir, mystery, religion, etc.)

Add a suggested list

The main objective of this summer assignment is
for you to enjoy reading, so go forth and find some books
that will challenge and delight you!

English Language and Composition APCentral

The following list of authors is designed to illustrate the possibilities of nonfiction prose. It is divided into two categories: Pre-20th Century and 20th Century to the Present. There is no recommended or required reading list for the AP English Language and Composition course. The list below is provided to suggest the range and quality of reading expected in the course. You may select authors from the list or may choose others of comparable quality and complexity.

Pre-20th Century

Joseph Addison, Matthew Arnold, Francis Bacon, James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Jean de Crèvecoeur, Charles Darwin, Thomas De Quincey, Frederick Douglass, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Benjamin Franklin, Margaret Fuller, Edward Gibbon, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, William Hazlitt, Thomas Hobbes, Harriet Jacobs (Linda Brent), Thomas Jefferson, Samuel Johnson, Charles Lamb, John Locke, Thomas Macaulay, Niccolò Machiavelli, John Stuart Mill, John Milton, Michel de Montaigne, Thomas More, Thomas Paine, Francis Parkman, Walter Pater, Samuel Pepys, John Ruskin, George Bernard Shaw, Richard Steele, Jonathan Swift, Henry David Thoreau, Alexis de Tocqueville, Oscar Wilde, Mary Wollstonecraft

20th Century to the Present

Edward Abbey, Diane Ackerman, James Agee, Paula Gunn Allen, Roger Angell, Natalie Angier, Gloria Anzaldúa, Hannah Arendt, Michael Arlen, Margaret Atwood, James Baldwin, Dave Barry, Melba Patillo Beals, Simone de Beauvoir, Lerone Bennett Jr., Wendell Berry, Sven Birkerts, Susan Bordo, Jacob Bronowski, David Brooks, William F. Buckley, Judith Butler, Rachel Carson, G. K. Chesterton, Winston Churchill, Kenneth Clark, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Jill Ker Conway, Arlene Croce, Richard Dawkins, Vine Deloria Jr., Daniel Dennett, Jared Diamond, Joan Didion, Annie Dillard, Anthony Doerr, Maureen Dowd, Elizabeth Drew, W. E. B. Du Bois, Leon Edel, Gretel Ehrlich, Loren Eiseley, Richard Ellmann, Nora Ephron, Niall Ferguson, Timothy Ferris, M. F. K. Fisher, Frances Fitzgerald, Janet Flanner (Genêt), Tim Flannery, Shelby Foote, Richard Fortey, John Hope Franklin, Antonia Fraser, Thomas L. Friedman, Paul Fussell, John Kenneth Galbraith, Mavis Gallant, Henry Louis Gates Jr., Atul Gawande, Ellen Goodman, Nadine Gordimer, Stephen Jay Gould, Stephanie Elizondo Griest, David Halberstam, Elizabeth Hardwick, Elva Trevino Hart, Chris Hedges, John Hersey, Christopher Hitchens, Edward Hoagland, Richard Holmes, bell hooks, Zora Neale Hurston, Pauline Kael, Evelyn Fox Keller, Helen Keller, George Kennan, Jamaica Kincaid, Martin Luther King Jr., Barbara Kingsolver, Maxine Hong Kingston, Naomi Klein, Paul Krugman, Alex Kuczynski, Lewis H. Lapham, T. E. Lawrence, Aldo Leopold, Gerda Lerner, Andy Logan, Philip Lopate, Barry Lopez, Norman Mailer, Nancy Mairs, Peter Matthiessen, Cormac McCarthy, Frank McCourt, Bill McKibben, John McPhee, Margaret Mead, H. L. Mencken, Jessica Mitford, N. Scott Momaday, Jan Morris, John Muir, Donald M. Murray, V. S. Naipaul, Geoffrey Nunberg, Joyce Carol Oates, Barack Obama, Tillie Olsen, Susan Orlean, George Orwell, Cynthia Ozick, Steven Pinker, Francine Prose, David Quammen, Arnold Rampersad, Ishmael Reed, Rick Reilly, David Remnick, Adrienne Rich, Mordecai Richler, Richard Rodriguez, Sharman Apt Russell, Carl Sagan, Edward Said, Scott Russell Sanders, George Santayana, Simon Schama, Arthur M. Schlesinger, David Sedaris, Richard Selzer, Leslie Marmon Silko, Barbara Smith, Red Smith, Susan Sontag, Shelby Steele, Lincoln Steffens, Ronald Takaki, Paul Theroux, Lewis Thomas, George Trevelyan, Calvin Trillin, Barbara Tuchman, Cynthia Tucker, Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, John Updike, Gore Vidal, Alice Walker, Jonathan Weiner, Eudora Welty, Cornel West, E. B. White, George Will, Terry Tempest Williams, Garry Wills, E. O. Wilson, Edmund Wilson, Tom Wolfe, Virginia Woolf, Richard Wright, Malcolm X, Anzia Yezierska