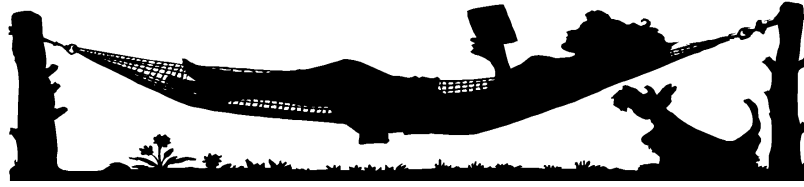


## AP English Language & Composition:



### 2022 Summer Reading Extra Credit Option

**Contemporary Issues:** Choose one of the following commentaries on contemporary society.

Chua, Amy. *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother*

Finkel, David. *Thank You for Your Service*

Gladwell, Malcolm. *David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Battling Giants*

Hobbs, Jeff. *The Short and Tragic Life of Robert Peace: A Brilliant Young Man Who Left Newark for the Ivy League*

Johnson, Steven. *Everything Bad is Good for You: How Today's Popular Culture is Actually Making Us Smarter*

Kalanithi, Paul. *When Breath Becomes Air*

Kristof, Nicholas D. *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity Worldwide*

McDougall, Christopher. *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*

Mealer, Bryan. *Muck City*

Nazario, Sonia. *Enrique's Journey*

Sandberg, Sheryl. *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead*

Tyson, Neil deGrasse. *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*

Vance, J. D. *Hillbilly Elegy*

Weiner, Eric. *The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World*

→ Stop **four times**, at roughly even intervals throughout the book, and **write your personal response** to what you're reading. Are you bothered by the subject? Can you relate to it on a personal level? Does the author make claims you find hard to believe? **Each entry should be approximately 250 words.**

→ Then, **find and print three articles** that discuss the same topic as the work you have chosen. Your sources may be print or online; **please provide a complete MLA citation** for each. **Write a brief summary of each article** and your own opinion regarding the issue. **Each summary should be approximately 250 words.**

**DUE DATE & GRADING:** Your Summer Reading work is due the first day of classes. Work will be awarded extra credit (up to 10%) towards the student's overall Quarter 1 AP Lang grade.

**Assignments, questions, or concerns may be e-mailed to [kelly.roberts@keysschools.com](mailto:kelly.roberts@keysschools.com)**