

## AP Lang Suggested Summer Reading – Summer 2024

### Introduction & Expectations

The goal of summer reading is to cultivate habits for success in the course. Do you want to know the secret to success in AP Lang? The students who grow the most and who see the strongest results on both the AP exam at the end of the year and throughout the year in our classwork are...

- Strong readers. They read regularly, they read difficult-for-them texts (in vocabulary and/or complexity of ideas), and they read a variety of types of texts.
- Aware of the world around them. They have a growing understanding of the big events & eras in history, and they are aware of current events and significant aspects of culture that are influencing society today. We call this collection of knowledge your Contextual Pool.
- Curious, risk-takers, and embrace struggle and/or failure as a natural part of the learning process.

### What are we suggesting you do this summer?

Read or engage with nonfiction texts on the average of one hour per week. Spend part of this time writing as well. When you write about the texts you will increase your connection to and ability to recall the information you encounter. Consider these questions as you write:

Starter Questions	Diving a little deeper
What did I just learn from this text? What does this remind me of (other text, life events, historical knowledge) or what does this make me think about? Was there anything that surprised me about this text?	How does an experience influence a writer's style and purpose? How does the use of voice empower an individual? How does language reveal identity? Was this text making any arguments about the topics addressed? How did they develop or support this argument? How is language used to influence human behavior and perception? What perspectives on the subject might audiences have due to their shared and/or individual beliefs, values, needs, emotions and backgrounds?

### Suggested\* Titles List:

Book Suggestions	
*There are ample texts that would help prepare you for AP Lang. We suggest you read a print text and engage with an audio or visual text this summer. Also, these are suggestions and some may contain content beyond your comfort level. Please read reviews and make an informed decision about the content you consume! These are NOT on any district approved list as policy states when we offer more than a certain number and/or do not require the text, we can broaden our <u>suggestions</u> .	
<i>Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, &amp; You (a Remix)</i> by Ibram X. Kendi & Jason Reynolds <i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice &amp; Redemption</i> by Bryan Stevenson <i>Evicted: Poverty &amp; Profit in the American City</i> by Matthew Desmond The nature writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Terry Tempest Williams, John Muir, Wendell Berry <i>The Omnivore's Dilemma</i> by Michael Pollan <i>Buzz, Sting, Bite: Why We Need Insects</i> by Anne Svederup-Thygeson <i>The End of Ice</i> by Dahr Jamail	<i>How to Be a High School Superstar</i> by Cal Newport <i>Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking</i> by Susan Cain <i>The Dorito Effect: The Surprising New Truth About Food and Flavor</i> by Mark Schatzker <i>Weaponized Lies: How to Think Critically in the Post-Truth Era</i> by Daniel J. Levitin David Sedaris titles ( <i>Runs with Scissors</i> , <i>Me Talk Pretty One Day</i> , <i>The Best of Me</i> , etc) <i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i> by David Grann <i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</i> by Bryan Stevenson <i>Think Again</i> by Adam Grant

*Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner  
*Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich  
*White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America* by Nancy Isenberg  
*The Undercover Economist* by Tim Harford  
*The Big Short* by Michael Lewis (or many of his other books)  
*Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* by Neil Degrasse Tyson

*The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth: Popularity, Quirk Theory, and Why Outsiders Thrive After High School* by Alexandra Robbins  
*Ten Moments That Shook the Sports World: One Sportswriter's Eyewitness Accounts of the Most Incredible Sporting Events of the Past Fifty Years* by Stan Isaac  
*A Brief History of Time* by Stephen Hawking  
 Malcolm Gladwell's books: *Outliers*, *The Tipping Point*, *Talking to Strangers*, *David & Goliath*, etc.

### Visual and Audio forms of text

On Streaming Services	Podcasts
<p>The National Parks: America's Best Idea docu-series by Ken Burns (Amazon Prime)            Our Planet (Netflix Documentary available for free on Netflix YouTube)            Chasing Coral (Netflix 2017)            Planet Earth or any of the other BBC Nature series (Discovery+)            Sustainable (Netflix)            Chasing Coral (Netflix 2017)            Prediction by the Numbers (Netflix)            13th (Netflix Documentary available for free on Netflix YouTube)            Particle Fever (Netflix)            Zion (Netflix Documentary Short available for free on Netflix YouTube)            Generation Startup            13th (Netflix Documentary available for free on Netflix YouTube)            The Men Who Built America (History Channel miniseries available on Amazon Prime)            Salt Fat Acid Heat (Netflix)            Period. End of Sentence (Netflix Documentary available for free on Netflix YouTube)            Fed Up (Netflix)            Cooked (Netflix 2016)            The C Word (Netflix)</p>	<p>Floodlines by The Atlantic            Freakonomics Radio by Steven Dubner            Invisibilia by NPR            Jolted by VT Public Radio            The Lifehack Show            Marketplace from NPR            More Perfect by RadioLab and WNYC            Ologies by Allie Ward            Outlandish by The U.S. Forest Service            Patient Zero: Lyme Disease by NH Public Radio            Planet Money from NPR            RadioLab by WNYC Studios            Serial by This American Life            Stranglehold by NH Public Radio            The Sound of Economics by Bruegel            The Story Collider            Techathlon by Popular Science            This Podcast Will Kill You            The Weirdest Thing I Learned This Week by the Editors at Popular Science            Who Makes Cents            It Was Said</p>

We will do a student driven inquiry project in the first semester. This is your chance to start finding and learning about a topic that matters to you. All students will have the chance to share their completed summer work in the fall. We are excited to get to work with you in August.

Contact us with any questions you may have. See you in August!

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