



Northside ISD Curriculum & Instruction English III AP Summer Reading

Welcome to AP Language!

Reading is one of the best things you can do to prepare yourself for the challenges of the upcoming school year and beyond. Now more than ever, it is important to sharpen your critical reading skills, expand your vocabulary and enhance your focus - all in the comfort of your own home. There's no better way to accomplish this than by sitting down with a good book.

As an AP Language student, we ask that you read at least one nonfiction book of **your choice** this summer. There is no other assignment than to read and be ready to discuss your book when school starts.

Remember, you can pick whichever book you wish to read - it does not have to be on the list below. The following titles are included just to give you some ideas. The books marked by an asterisk indicate those which are on the Northside approved book list. Other titles may contain adult content, so we encourage you to do some research before picking your selection.

You can check out digital books on Sora, Libby, and Overdrive through your school library.
Happy Reading!

Autobiography/Memoir/Biography

1. *Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother** by Amy Chua
2. *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates
3. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
4. *Braveface* by Shaun David Hutchinson
5. *Educated* by Tara Westover
6. *Every Falling Star: The True Story of How I Survived and Escaped North Korea* by Sungju Lee
7. *My Underground American Dream* by Julissa Arce
8. *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
9. *Taking Flight: From War Orphan to Star Ballerina* by Michaela DePrince and Elaine DePrince
10. *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi

Science & Technology

1. *A Deadly Wandering* by Matt Richtel
2. *Eating Animals* by Jonathan Safran Foer
3. *The Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben
4. *The Hot Zone: The Terrifying True Story of the Origins of the Ebola Virus** by Richard Preston
5. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
6. *The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to our Brains* by Nicholas Carr
7. *Slime* by Ruth Kassinger
8. *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery

Understanding Ourselves

1. *Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out* by Susan Kuklin
2. *The Book of Eating* by Adam Platt
3. *Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza* by Gloria Anzaldúa
4. *Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead* by Susan Cain
5. *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb
6. *Originals: How Nonconformists Move the World* by Adam Grant
7. *Outliers: The Story of Success** by Malcolm Gladwell
8. *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi
9. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking** by Susan Cain
10. *Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know* by Malcolm Gladwell
11. *Why We Love Star Wars: The Great Moments That Built A Galaxy Far, Far Away* by Ken Napzok

Current Events

1. *All the Agents and Saints* by Stephanie Elizondo Griest
2. *American Prison: A Reporter's Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment* by Shane Bauer
3. *Amity and Prosperity* by Eliza Griswold
4. *Barrio America* by A. K. Sandoval-Strausz
5. *Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein - Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists That Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe* by Mario Livio
6. *The Devil's Highway: A True Story** by Luis Alberto Urrea
7. *Dopesick* by Beth Macy
8. *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond
9. *The Faraway Brothers* by Lauren Markham
10. *The Good Immigrant: 26 Writers Reflect on America* Edited by Nikesh Shukla and Chimene Suleyman
11. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
12. *Homelands: Four Friends, Two Countries, and the Fate of the Great Mexican-American*

Migration by Alfredo Corchado

13. *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson
14. *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller
15. *Parkland: Birth of a Movement* by Dave Cullen
16. *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism and You* - Jason Reynolds, Abram X Kendi
17. *The Undocumented Americans* by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
18. *The Writings On The Wall* by Kareem Abdul Jabbar

Sports & Games

1. *Chasing the Rodeo* by W.K. Stratton
2. *Coach Wooden and Me: Our 50-Year Friendship On and Off the Court* by Kareem Abdul Jabbar
3. *The Frailty Myth* by Collette Downing
4. *League of Denial: The NFL, Concussions, and the Battle for Truth* by Mark Fainaru-Wada
5. *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game* by Michael Lewis
6. *Muck City: Winning and Losing in Football's Forgotten Town* by Bryan Mealer
7. *Seabiscuit, An American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand

History/Military

1. *Aloha Rodeo* by David Wolman and Julian Smith
2. *Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War* by Mary Roach
3. *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann
4. *The Long Walk* by Brian Castner
5. *March* by John Lewis
6. *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari
7. *Sweet Taste of Liberty: A True Story of Slavery and Restitution in America* by Caleb McDaniel
8. *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption** by Laura Hillenbrand
9. *Unlikely Warrior: A Jewish Soldier in Hitler's Army** by Georg Rauch
10. *War* by Sebastian Junger
11. *Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)* by Sue Macy
12. *Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman* by Jon Krakauer

* Indicates vetted, approved titles from the NISD English I-IV Approved Reading List