

AP English Summer Reading

INSTRUCTIONS: You will read one mandatory book and read two other books of your choice from the list below. For the two books of your choice you will write two book reports.

You will be tested on the following book:

1984 by George Orwell

You must write two (2) book reports on any two of the following books:

<u>Nickel and Dimed</u> by Barbara Ehrenreich	<u>The Beautiful Struggle</u> by Ta-Nahesi Coates
<u>Between the World and Me</u> by Ta-Nahesi Coates	<u>The Beauty Myth</u> by Naomi Wolf
<u>Notes of a Native Son</u> by James Baldwin	<u>The Book of Delights</u> by Ross Gay
<u>In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens</u> by Alice Walker	<u>Freakonomics</u> by Steven Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
<u>Angela's Ashes</u> by Frank McCourt	<u>Becoming</u> by Michelle Obama
<u>Galileo's Daughter</u> by Dava Sobel	<u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> by Rebecca Skloot
<u>Undaunted Courage</u> by Stephen Ambrose	<u>No Time to Lose</u> by Peter Piot
<u>Plastic</u> by Susan Freinkel	<u>Salt</u> by Mark Kurlansky
<u>Stiff</u> by Mary Roach	<u>The Omnivore's Dilemma</u> by Michael Pollan
<u>The Tipping Point</u> by Malcolm Gladwell	<u>The Devil in the City</u> by Erik Larson
<u>The Lynching of Emmett Till</u> by Christopher Metress	<u>Portrait of a Killer</u> by Patricia Cornwell
<u>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</u> by John Berendt	<u>1491</u> by Gavin Menzies
<u>Guns, Germs and Steel</u> by Jared Diamond	<u>The World is Flat</u> by Thomas L. Friedman
<u>Superman vs. the Ku Klux Klan</u> by Richard Bowers	

Some things to do before reading the novel on which you will be writing:

- Always read any material in the introduction of the book and any material at the end of the book. You may find an explanation of issues you wish to discuss in your essay in the introductory material.
- Find a short biography of the author (perhaps at the back or front of the book) and read it. This may help you to understand the novel more fully.
- While reading the novel, be sure to take notes! Write in your book, if possible.
- Note any words that are unfamiliar. Look them up in the dictionary.
- Pay close attention to themes you find in the book (what “messages” do you think the author has in writing this work?)
- Pay attention to the way each character is described in the novel, how he or she looks, acts, thinks, reacts, and interacts with other characters.
- Pay close attention to any symbolism you might see in the novel.
- Pay attention to how characters differ and how they might be similar.
- Pay attention to how the situations or characters in the novel might relate to your own experiences.

Book Report Assignments:

Part 1-

Make a list of 25 words from the novel you think someone might not understand.

Define each word in your own words.

Give the part of speech for each word.

Copy the sentence from the book from which you got the word. Make sure to put page number in parentheses behind each word.

Number each word

Part 2-

Make a list of the events listed in the book in 25 sentences. What happened in the book? Recount the events in 25 numbered sentences. Number each sentence neatly.

Part 3-

Make a list of at least 25 proper nouns (names, places, etc.) in the novel. Explain each in a sentence. Number each.

Part 4-

In a paragraph of at least 25 numbered sentences explain a theme (a life lesson) learned from this book. Use examples from the book to back up your point.

Number your sentences.