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Dear Advanced Placement English Language and Composition student:

In order to prepare for class for next fall, you are required to complete the following summer reading assignment:

- 1. Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be by Frank Bruni;
- 2. One book on the non-fiction reading list attached.

After you read each book, complete the attached assignments.

Enjoy your summer.

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AP English Language & Composition

Summer Reading 2021

Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be by Frank Bruni

After you read the book, respond to the following prompts.

- 1) Who is the speaker? (Write one paragraph describing the author's persona, attitude, tone.)
- 2) What is the occasion? (Write one paragraph describing why the author decided to write this book)
- 3) Who is the intended audience for this book? (Write one paragraph describing the assumptions the author seems to make about his readers?)
- 4) What is the author's claim? (Write one paragraph describing what the author wants his audience to believe after reading this book.)
- 5) What is the author's purpose? (Write one paragraph describing what the author wants his audience to do after reading this book.)
- 6) Find one piece of compelling evidence in the book that supports the author's claim. (In one paragraph, summarize it in your own words and explain how it supports his claim.)

Independent Reading Assignment: Nonfiction List

You may choose any book from this list for your non-fiction summer reading project. Examine the titles, do a little research to learn more about the ones that interest you, and select one to read in its entirety. Then respond to the five Non-fiction Summer Reading Prompts.

Aczel, Amir & Dava Sobel - Fermat's Last Theorem

Aczel, Amir & Dava Sobel - Longitude

Almond, Steve - Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America

Ambrose, Stephen – Band of Brothers Ambrose, Stephen – Undaunted Courage

Alexander, Michelle- The New Jim Crow (2012)

Alexie, Sherman-- You Don't Have to Say You Love Me: A Memoir

Ansary, Tamim - West of Kabul, East of New York

Armstrong, Karen - A History of God

Armstrong, Lance - It's Not About the Bike

Baker, Nicholson - Double Fold: Libraries and the Assault on Paper

Baker, Nicholson – The Size of Thoughts

Bakewell, Sarah- At the Existentialist Cafe'

Beckett, Wendy – The Story of Painting

Ben Jelloun, Tahar - Racism Explained to my Daughter

Blackburn, Simon - Think

Blackburn, Simon - How to Be Good

Bowden, Mark - Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War

Bradley, James - Flags of our Fathers

Brown, Dee - Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee

Bryson, Bill - A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail

Buford, Bill - Heat

Buford, Bill- Among the Thugs

Burkett, Elinor – Another Planet: A Year in the Life of a Suburban High School

Calvin, Tom--Dodge City: Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, and the Wickedest Town in the American West

Capote, Truman - In Cold Blood Carson, Rachel - Silent Spring

Chang, Iris - The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II

Chang, Leslie - Beyond the Narrow Gate

Chapin, Ted - Everything was Possible

Cheng, Nien - Life and Death in Shanghai

Clarke, Donald - Wishing on the Moon

Cohen, Leah Hager – Glass, Paper, Beans

Coleman, Gabriella- Hacker, Hoaxer, Whistleblower, Spy

Coates, Ta-Nehisi- Between the World and Me

Coates, Ta-Nehisi-We Were Eight Years in Power

Cullen, Dave - Columbine

Davis, Wade - Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures

Delbanco, Andrew - The Death of Satan

Desmond, Matthew- Evicted

Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel; Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed

Dittrich, Luke- Patient H.M.: A Story of Memory, Madness, and Family Secrets

Doughty, Caitlin-Smoke Gets in Your Eye: And Other Lessons from the Crematory

Eggers, Dave - A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius

Ehrenreich, Barbara - Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America

Ellis, Joseph – American Sphinx

Ferris, Timothy - Seeing in the Dark: How Backyard Stargazers...

Feynman, Richard - Six Easy Pieces

Feynmen, Richard - The Pleasure of Finding Things Out

Foer, How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization

Fossey, Dian - Gorillas in the Mist

Friedman, Thomas – From Beirut to Jerusalem

Friedman, Thomas L. - The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century

Gaiman, Neil- The View from the Cheap Seats

Gawande, Atu - Complications

Gerard, Philip - Secret Soldiers: The Story of WWII's Heroic Army of Deception

Gessen, Masha--The Future Is History: How Totalitarianism Reclaimed Russia

Gill, Brendan - Many Masks

Ginsberg, Ruth Bader- My Own Words

Gladwell, Malcolm - The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

Gladwell, Malcolm- David and Goliath

Gleick, James- Time Travel

Goodall, Jane & Dale Peterson - Africa in my Blood: An Autobiography in Letters

Goodwin, Jan - Price of Honor: Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World

Grealy, Lucy - Autobiography of a Face

Harari, Yuval Noah--Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow

Harr, Jonathan - A Civil Action

Hillenbrand, Laura – Seabiscuit

Hirsch, Edwin - How to Read a Poem

Hoffman, Eva - Lost in Translation

Hog-Kingston, Maxine - Woman Warrior

Huxley, Elspeth - The Flame Trees of Thika

Irons, Peter - A People's History of the Supreme Court

Iversen, Jeremy - High School Confidential

Kamen, Paula - All in My Head

Kaysen, Susanna - Girl, Interrupted

Kendi, Ibram X.- Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America

Kidder, Tracy - Mountains Beyond Mountains

Kidder, Tracy - Soul of a New Machine

Kim, Richard E. - Lost Names: Scenes From a Korean Boyhood

King, Ross - Brunelleschi's Dome

King, Stephen--On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft

Klein, Naomi- This Changes Everything

Klein, Naomi - The Shock Doctrine: the Rise of Disaster Capitalism

Kozol, Alex- Savage Inequalities in America's Schools(1991)

Kozol, Alex- Fire in Ashes (2012)

Kozol, Alex-Shame of the Nation

The Other Side of the River (1998)

Knapp, Caroline - Pack of Two: The Intricate Bond Between People and Dogs

Krakauer, Jon - Into Thin Air

Krakauer, Jon – Under the Banner of Heaven

Kurlansky, Mark - Cod

Lamb, David - The Africans

Lamb, David - The Arabs

Lewis, John, et al.- March (II or III)

Lewis, Michael - Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game

Levi, Primo - The Periodic Table

Maclean, Norman - Young Men and Fire

Maddox, Brenda - Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA

Mander, Jerry – Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television

Manguel, Alberto - A History of Reading

Mathabane, Mark - Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid Africa

McCloud, Scott - Understanding Comics

McCourt, Frank - Angela's Ashes

McCourt, Frank - 'Tis

McPhee, John - Control of Nature

McPhee, John - Coming Into the Century

Mezrich, Ben-Wooly

Nabhan, Gary Paul - Why Some Like it Hot: Food, Genes, and Cultural Diversity

Nafisi, Azar - Reading Lolita in Tehran

Nafisi, Azar--The Republic of the Imagination: America in Three Books

O'Neil, Kathy- Weapons of Math Destruction:

Orenstein, Peggy - Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap

Orlean, Susan - The Orchid Thief

Patchett, Ann - Truth and Beauty: A Friendship

Paterniti, Michael - Driving Mr. Albert: A Trip Across America with Einstein's Brain

Peterson, Rolf - The Wolves of Isle Royale

Pirsig, Robert - Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

Pollan, Michael - The Botany of Desire

Pollan, Michael - The Omnivore's Dilemma

Postman, Neil - Amusing Ourselves to Death

Postman, Neil - Technopoly

Powers, Ron--No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos And Heartbreak Of Mental Health In America

Preston, Richard - The Hot Zone

Preston, Richard - The Demon in the Freezer

Reisner, Marc - Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water

Ricks, Thomas – Making the Corps

Ricks, Thomas-Churchill and Orwell: The Fight for Freedom

Roach, Mary - Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers

Ruhlman, Michael - The Making of a Chef

Sabbagh, Karl - Skyscraper

Sachs, Jeffrey - The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time

Salzman, Mark - Iron and Silk

Sapolsky, Robert M.-Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst

Satrapi, Marjane - Persepolis: The Story of a Return (II)

Scheeres, Julia - Jesus Land: A Memoir

Schlosser, Eric – Fast Food Nation

Sedaris, David - Me Talk Pretty One Day

Sedaris, David-Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls

See, Lisa - On Gold Mountain: The One-Hundred-Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family

Shulman, James - Nike is a Goddess: The History of Women in Sports

Shulman, James - The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values

Sobel, Dava - Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love

Solnit, Rebecca- Men Explain Things to Me

Speigelman, Art - In The Shadow of No Towers

Speigelman, Art - Maus, volumes I and II

Staples, Brent - Parallel Time: Growing Up in Black and White

Stiglitz, Joseph - Globalization and Its Discontents

Tammet, Daniel - Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant

Thoreau, Henry David - Walden

Tuchman, Barbara - The Guns of August

Von Drehle, David - Triangle: The Fire That Changed America

Waal, Frans de- Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?

Weiner, Jonathan - The Beak of a Finch

Weisman, Alan - The World Without Us

Welty, Eudora - One Writer's Beginnings

West, Cornell – Race Matters

Westover, Tara-Educated

White, Ronald - Lincoln's Greatest Speech

Wilson, Edward O. - The Diversity of Life

Winchester, Simon - The Professor and the Madman

Wiseman, Carter - Shaping a Nation

Wolfe, Tom- The Kingdom of Speech

Wolfe, Tom - The Right Stuff

Yoffe, Emily - What the Dog Did: Tales from a Formerly Reluctant Dog Owner

Zukav, Gary - The Dancing Wu Li Masters

Non-Fiction Summer Reading Prompts

As you read your chosen book, respond to the following five prompts. Write a one-paragraph, typed, double-spaced response in twelve-point Times New Roman font for each of the prompts below.

- 1. Find a short passage in the book that reminds you of something you read sophomore year. Explain the connection, citing the passage or a portion of it in your response.
- 2. Find a short passage in the book that reminds you of something you have encountered in current events. Explain the connection, citing the passage or a portion of it in your response.
- 3. Find a short passage in the book that reminds you of something you learned in a non-English class. Explain the connection, citing the passage or a portion of it in your response.
- 4. Find a short passage in the book that reminds you of a personal experience or observation. Explain the connection, citing the passage or a portion of it in your response.
- 5. What is the author's claim? In other words, what is the point of the book? In your own words, explain what the author is trying to communicate to his/her audience. Be sure to cite at least one quotation from the book to support your claim statement.

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Summer Reading Assignment Tips

Formatting:

Use proper MLA Heading Format (see above). Note the date format!

<u>Double space</u> your entire paper. Use Times New Roman 12-point font.

Citing sources:

Bruni says, college admissions has gotten "more competitive."

College admissions has gotten "more competitive" (Bruni 24).

Quotation Punctuation

He insisted, "When punctuating quotations, periods go <u>inside</u> the quotation marks." "Same with commas," she said.

Misc.

Non-fiction books are <u>not</u> novels! So do not refer to them as novels.

Refer to the author by his <u>last name</u> (Bruni). Do not call him Frank.

Use <u>present tense verbs</u> for analysis of literature (fiction and non-fiction).

Non-fiction Summer Reading Prompts Grade Guidelines

A = EFFECTIVE (90-100 POINTS):

Detailed, thorough responses to the prompts that offer sufficient explanations of the connections identified by the reader. All connections are legitimate, thoughtful, and relevant. The writing is free from lapses in syntax and diction.

B = ADEQUATE (80-89 POINTS):

Sufficient explanations of the responses to the prompts that may lack detail or thoroughness. Connections are legitimate but may not be entirely thoughtful of relevant. The writing may contain minor lapses in syntax or diction or grammatical errors.

C = INADEQUATE (70-79 POINTS):

Explanations of the responses are insufficient, lacking in detail and thoroughness. Connections are illegitimate or irrelevant and do not exhibit enough thought. The writing contains recurrent lapses in diction, syntax, and grammar.

D = <u>DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS</u> (60-69 POINTS)

Responses are incomplete, do not meet the requirements of the assignment.

F = FAILED TO DO THE ASSIGNMENT (0)