

AP Language Non-Fiction Summer Reading List 2020

Because AP Language focuses on non-fiction texts, you are required to read one non-fiction text in addition to your school-wide fiction choice.

Please have both texts read before the first day of school.

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Title	Author	Description
<i>Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal</i>	Eric Schlosser	An exploration of the history of fast food, the impact it has had on our lives and the myths we should forget about it
Any historical account (<i>Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 and How It Changed America; Roger Williams and the Creation of the American Soul: Church, State and the Birth of Liberty; The Great Influenza: The Story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History</i>)	John M. Barry	Best-selling author explores highly-charged incidents in American history
<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>	Ishmael Baeh	One young man's experience as a child soldier during wars in Africa's Sierra Leone.
One Summer: America, 1927	Bill Bryson	Account of an eventful season that includes Babe Ruth, Al Capone, Charles Lindbergh, and Calvin Coolidge
<i>Is Paris Burning: How Paris Miraculously Escaped Adolf Hitler's Sentence of Death in August 1944</i>	Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre	Dramatic story of the liberation of Paris. Exciting, emotionally charged history, impeccably researched and written
<i>Columbine</i>	Dave Cullen	10 years after the tragic events in Littleton, Colorado, this book asks questions about not only the shooters and victims but also the culture that surrounded such an incident.
<i>Empty Mansions: The Mysterious Life of Huguette Clark and the Spending of a Great American Fortune</i>	Bill Dedman and Paul Clark Newell, Jr.	Account of a reclusive heiress that spans from the Gilded Age of the 1800s to the 21st century and a mysterious history of her family and fortune

<i>Man's Search for Meaning</i>	Viktor E. Frankel	Psychiatrist's memoir of life in Nazi death camps and its lessons for spiritual survival. Has sold more than 10 million copies in twenty-four languages. Listed in a Library of Congress survey as among top ten books that made a difference in people's lives
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Any nonfiction account (<i>The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism; Team of Rivals; The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln; No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt; Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream; The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys: An American Saga</i>)	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Pulitzer-prize winning author writes in-depth biographies of some of the most influential figures of 20th century America
<i>Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption OR Seabiscuit</i>	Laura Hillenbrand	Unforgettable true accounts of determination and the indomitable human spirit
<i>Profiles in Courage for Our Time</i>	Caroline Kennedy	Continues the legacy her father began with the original Profiles in Courage. Includes the accounts of thirteen acts of modern political bravery.
Any nonfiction book (<i>Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster; Into the Wild; Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith; Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman; Eiger Dreams: Ventures A</i>)	Jon Krakauer	Best-selling author writes about harrowing contemporary journeys that test the limits of humanity