

Summer Reading Overview: English 12

Purpose:

In English 12, students will continue to hone their literacy skills and strategically harness the power of language to create a deepening understanding of themselves.

Students will begin the year by focusing on the art of crafting memoirs and the purposeful ways individuals share their experiences and impart essential truths to their readers. By engaging as both readers and writers of memoirs, students will gain a fuller appreciation of themselves, their community, and the genre.

Task:

Your task is to select a memoir of your own choosing and read it in its entirety.

Please research any book you decide to read before you begin reading so you can become familiar with the content and avoid any triggers.

Here are a few general lists that might help you select a book to read:

<https://lithub.com/the-10-best-memoirs-of-the-decade/>

<https://www.readitforward.com/essay/article/best-memoirs-of-the-last-decade/>

You can also read one of the three books provided below. If you choose to read one of these books, please also research it beforehand to avoid reading a book that might contain triggers you want to avoid.

Please refrain from reading *Educated*, as we are reading it together during the 1st quarter. Also, please refrain from reading a graphic memoir, as we study graphic memoirs during the 4th quarter.

For those students who plan to take the course for honors credit, the memoir you read during the summer can serve as the focal point of the first of your two honors assignments. Although you can choose to write about a different memoir for your first honors assignment, writing about the memoir you choose to read over the summer might save you time.

Here's the link to the honors assignment (due at the end of the first semester):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K0nkIRXTgBZ-gVkanVpp0ttbUAluA10QWBSEke1F1o4/edit?usp=sharing>

In addition, all students will discuss the books they read with their classmates.

<i>Becoming</i> by Michelle Obama	https://www.dropbox.com/s/2u6amekrd9mjdys/Becoming%20by%20Michelle%20Obama%20%28z-lib.org%29.pdf?dl=0
<i>Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption</i> by Bryan Stevenson	https://www.dropbox.com/s/kier5ax9wqvs9z0/Just%20Mercy%20A%20Story%20of%20Justice%20and%20Redemption%20by%20Stevenson%20Bryan%20%28z-lib.org%29.mobi.pdf?dl=0
<i>Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution</i> by Ji-Li Jiang	https://www.dropbox.com/s/avj1jded2qtlaqz/Red%20Scarf%20G%20irl%20A%20Memoir%20of%20the%20Cultural%20Revolution%20by%20Jiang%20Ji-Li%20%28z-lib.org%29.epub.pdf?dl=0