

## ENGLISH 12

### 2018-2019 SUMMER READING ENRICHMENT



All rising seniors are encouraged to read a memoir over the summer. The purpose of this reading enrichment is to assist you with the college application process and the college essay writing, on which we plan to focus in the first months of the school year. As you may have learned in previous years, the memoir is a subgenre of creative non-fiction that delves deep into a writer's personal experience. Memoirs have the capacity to be funny, profound, moving, and cynical. Writers draw us into their life and experiences by a distinct voice, tone, and narrative structure – important elements which you are expected to utilize in your college essay.

To secure one of the memoirs, you may either a) purchase your own copy, b) borrow one from the public library, or c) borrow one from the school library. Please, be advised that the school library carries limited copies of most memoirs on the list.

We hope that you will enjoy reading one of the memoirs recommended in the following list:

1. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah
2. *Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt
3. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
4. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
5. *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer
6. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance
7. *In the House of the Interpreter* by Ngugi Wa Thiong'o
8. *Leap of Faith* by Noor Queen of Jordan
9. *The Color of Water* by James McBride
10. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Wall
11. *The Liars' Club* by Mary Karr
12. *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston
13. *Titanic Survivor: The Newly Discovered Memoirs of Violet Jessop Who Survived Both the Titanic and Britannic Disasters* by Violet Jessop
14. *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson* by Mitch Albom
15. *We Survived the Holocaust* by Elaine Landau

You should give yourself 4-6 hours to read, but don't try to read the book in one sitting! We look forward to discussing your discoveries within these novels!

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