

ENGLISH 12

2019-2020 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 and identity. Memoirs have the capacity to be funny, profound, moving, and cynical. Writers draw us into their life and experiences by a distinct voice, reflection, and narrative structure – important elements which you are expected to utilize in your college essay.

You are encouraged to select any memoir that appeals to your interests or pushes your worldview. Feel free to either a) purchase your own copy, b) borrow one from the public library, or c) borrow one from the school library. Please avoid memoirs that you have already read for classes taken.

We have compiled a short list of titles that you may enjoy reading:

1. *A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah
2. *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah
3. *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Wall
4. *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of Family and Culture in Crisis* by J. D. Vance
5. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai
6. *In the House of the Interpreter* by Ngugi Wa Thiong'o
7. *Leap of Faith* by Noor Queen of Jordan
8. *The Liars' Club* by Mary Karr
9. *Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* by Stephanie Land
10. *The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston

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 memoirs!

Have a great summer!

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