

To: All Students Taking AP English – Language and Composition

From: Ms. Callaghan

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Re: Summer Assignment

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I look forward to having you in class next year and hope that you have an enjoyable summer. To get us off to a good start, you will need to do the following:

Read three books, 6 articles, and two essays over the course of the summer. There will be reading checks and assignments to be completed when we return to the high school in the fall. You might want to keep some notes so that it will be easier to remember important aspects of what you have read. Use the book review forms to guide your notetaking.

A. **2 of the books should be selected from the attached lists.** Please do not select books that you have already read. For these books, you should be able to recount the plot and characters, identify key features of the author's style, and determine what type of reader would enjoy reading this book. Additionally, you need to reflect upon what you have gained from reading each book, why it appealed or did not appeal to you, and if you would recommend it to someone else.

**The third book** you need to read is *Survivors Club* by Michael Bornstein and Debbie Bornstein Holinstat. This book is part of our One School-One Book program. Briefly recap the important events of author's life and indicate what the described incidents reveal about his character and the conflicts he faces. Keep a list of other characters. Reflect upon the themes of tolerance, hope, and kindness—note the pages with any quotations dealing with these themes.

B. **Introduction to Critical Reading and Rhetoric**—selecting and reading 2 essays in contemporary publications such as *The New Yorker*, *The Onion*, *Atlantic Monthly*, etc. See instructions for assignment on school website. [www.cwcboe.org/jchs](http://www.cwcboe.org/jchs) -- one essay should be satirical and the other should be argumentative taking a position on an issue. Due September 15

C. **Preliminary research**—locating and reading 6 articles(3 pro and 3 con) on your approved topic. See instructions on school website. [www.cwcboe.org/jchs](http://www.cwcboe.org/jchs) Contact Ms. Callaghan if you wish to change your approved topic [scallaghan@cwboe.org](mailto:scallaghan@cwboe.org) Handouts are available on website. You are expected to complete the following: a pro/con chart of arguments, an article packet in which you analyze the 6 articles and a one page research proposal before returning to school. This research will be due the first week of school on Friday, September 8.

Happy reading and enjoy the summer!

## Summer 2018 Reading List for James Caldwell High School:

### For future AP English Language and Composition Students—

(3 Books from the following choices)

must read **Survivors Club**

#### One of the following nonfiction books:

*Unbroken* by Laura Hillebrand

*Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

*The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson

*Dead Wake* by Eric Larson

*Eagle Blue* by Michael D'Orso

*Missoula* by Jonathan Krakauer

*Endurance* by Scott Kelly

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

*Lone Survivor* by Marcus Luttrell

*Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman* by Jon Krakauer

*Nine Parts of Desire* by Geraldine Brooks

*Gideon's Trumpet* by Antony Lewis

#### one of the following fiction books:

Ackerman, Diane – *The Zookeeper's Wife*

Austen, Jane – *Northanger Abby* or  
*Persuasion*

Bronte, Emily -- *Wuthering Heights*

DeRosnay, Tatiana-- *Sarah's Key*

Doerr, Anthony – *All the Light We Cannot See*

Hannah, Kristen – *The Nightingale*

Heaney, Seamus(translator) – *Beowulf*

Howe, Katherine– *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*

Moorehead, Caroline -- *A Train in Winter*

O'Brien, Tim – *The Things They Carried*

Ng, Celeste – *Little Fires Everywhere*

Reid, Taylor Jenkins – *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*

Sepetys, Ruta—*Salt to the Sea*

Setterfield, Diane – *The Thirteenth Tale*

Simonson, Helen – *The Summer Before the War*

Sittenfeld, Curtis – *Prep* or  
*Eligible*

Whitehead, Colson -- *Underground Railroad*

Zukas, Markus -- *The Book Thief*

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [scallaghan@cwcboc.org](mailto:scallaghan@cwcboc.org)