

AP English Language & Composition Tentative Reading Selections  
2017-2018

*\*\*Based on current events and world news, we will supplement this list with additional articles and essays.*

*In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote  
*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien  
*Hiroshima* by John Hersey  
"Farewell Speech" by Lou Gehrig  
"Dear Phyllis" by Albert Einstein  
"9/11 Speech" by George W. Bush  
"Speech to the Troops at Tilbury" by Queen Elizabeth  
"The King's Speech" by King George VI  
from "Slow Food Nation" by Alice Waters  
from "King Coal: Reigning in China" by George Will  
from "The Checkers Speech" by Richard Nixon  
American Civil Liberties Union Poster  
from "Crackberry Congress" by Ruth Marcus  
"Order of the Day" by General Dwight D. Eisenhower  
"Dear Senator Obama" by Toni Morrison  
"9/11 Oval Office Speech" by George W. Bush (Sept. 11, 2001)  
"9/11 Bullhorn Speech" by George W. Bush (Sept. 14, 2001)  
"National Cathedral Speech" by George W. Bush (Sept. 14, 2001)  
"9/11 Joint Session of Congress Speech" by George W. Bush (Sept. 20, 2001)  
from *Pride and Prejudice*  
PETA advertisement  
"If the Japanese Can't Build A Safe Reactor, Who Can?" by Anne Applebaum  
"Inaugural Address" by John F. Kennedy  
"Blood, Toil, Tears, and Sweat" by Winston Churchill  
"In Event of Moon Disaster" by William Safire  
"Iran Nuclear Deal" Speech by Barack Obama  
Revisit "9/11 Speech" by George W. Bush  
"Oration in Memory of Abraham Lincoln" by Frederick Douglass  
"The Santa Ana Winds" by Joan Didion  
"Dear Warner Brothers" by Groucho Marx  
"Not by Math Alone" by Sandra Day O'Connor and Roy Romer  
"Why Investing in Fast Food May Be A Good Thing" by Amy Domini  
"Letter to a Southern Baptist Minister" by Edward Wilson  
"Raise Wages, Not Walls" by Michael Dukakis and Daniel Mitchell  
"Terror's Purse Strings" by Dana Thomas  
from *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell  
The Declaration of Independence  
"A Modest Proposal" by Jonathan Swift  
"Review of *Star Wars*" by Roger Ebert  
from "The C Word in the Hallways" by Anna Quindlen

“Felons and the Right to Vote” by the New York Times Editorial Board  
 Federal Highway Administration advertisement  
 Dodge Durango advertisement  
 Girl Scouts advertisement  
 Visual image vs. text (Barack Obama & the Nobel Prize)  
 Image comparison: “U.S. Marines raising American Flag on Iwo Jima” & “Firefighters raising American Flag at Ground Zero”  
 “The Boston Photographs” by Nora Ephron  
 Analyzing food & beverage packaging for rhetoric  
 Analysis of collection of photographs from the House of Windsor  
 “Allegory of Tudor Succession” Oil Painting  
 “Bobby Kennedy” by Richard Drew (photograph)  
 “The Falling Man” by Richard Drew (photograph)  
 “The Falling Man” by Tom Junod  
 “9/11: 10 Years On, Ten Toons” (The Red Phoenix)  
 The September 11 Attacks: Pop Culture Reaction (cartoons)  
 “Celebrity Bodies” by Daniel Harris  
 “On Dumpster Diving” by Lars Eighner,  
 “My Zombie, Myself: Why Modern Life Feels Rather Undead” by Chuck Klosterman  
 Draft of the declaration of war against Japan by Franklin D. Roosevelt (w/intro)  
 “The Death of the Moth” by Virginia Woolf  
 “Speech on the Death of Osama Bin Laden” by Barack Obama  
 “Death and Justice: How Capital Punishment Affirms Life” by Edward Koch  
 “The Death Penalty” by David Bruck  
 “Speech Announcing Commutation of all Illinois Prisoners’ Death Sentences” by George Ryan  
 “The Dramaturgy of Death” by Garry Wills  
 “Gregg v. Georgia” by Potter Stewart  
 “Dissenting Opinion in Callins v. Collins” by Harry Blackmun  
 “Executions Are Too Costly--Morally” by Helen Prejean  
 “For an Honest Death Penalty” by Alex Kozinski and Sean Gallagher  
 “The Execution of Tropmann” by Ivan Turgenev  
 “The Case for Torture” by Michael Levin  
 “The Truth about Torture” by Charles Krauthammer  
 “Defusing the Ticking Bomb Scenario” by Association for the Prevention of Torture  
 “The Perils of Obedience” by Stanley Milgram  
 “Man or Sheep?” by Peter Cave  
 from *Civil Disobedience* by Henry David Thoreau  
 “The Right-to-Die Debate and the Tenth Anniversary of Oregon’s Death with Dignity Act” by David Masci  
 “Doctor-Assisted Suicide is Unethical and Dangerous” by Ira Byock  
 “Everyone Deserves to Die With Dignity” by Anita Freeman  
 “Oregon Shows That Assisted Suicide Can Work Sensible and Fairly” by Thaddeus Mason Pope  
 “My right to death with dignity at 29” by Brittany Maynard  
 “Dr. Kevorkian: Assisted Suicide, the Legal and Moral Debate” by Jeremy White

“Apologia II- My rebuttal to the Michigan State Legislature” by Dr. Jack Kevorkian  
 “Criminal Charges Filed Against Two Involved in Rebecca Sedwick Suicide” by Justin Patchin  
 “Should parents be criminally liable for kids’ cyberbullying?” by Mark O’Mara  
 “What Really Happened to Phoebe Prince?” by Emily Bazelon  
 “Have Phoebe Prince’s Bullies Suffered Enough” by Jessica Bennett  
 “Bullying is not on the rise and it does not lead to suicide” by Kelly McBride  
 “Student Assaults” by Donald R. Serfass  
 “Consolation to His Wife” by Plutarch  
 “We Have No ‘Right to Happiness’” by C.S. Lewis  
 “About Love” by Danielle Crittenden  
 “Marriage and Divorce American Style” by E. Mavis Hetherington  
 “Why Isn’t A Nice Person Like You Married” by Elsie Bliss  
 “He and I” by Natalia Ginzburg  
 “Why is Polygamy Illegal?” by Wendy Kaminer  
 “In Defense of Polygamy” by Aisha Lemu  
 “Building Baby from the Genes Up” by Ronald Green  
 “Genetic Modification of Human Beings” (photo)  
 “Genetically Modified Humans? No Thanks” by Richard Hayes  
 “Live Sperm, Dead Bodies” by Kathleen Nolan  
 “Of a Monstrous Child” by Michel de Montaigne  
 “Buck v. Bell 1927” by Oliver Wendell Holmes  
 “A Plan for Peace” by Margaret Sanger  
 “Putting Women Back into the Abortion Debate” by Ellen Willis  
 “The Abortion Clinic Shootings: Why?” by Randall Terry  
 “Shunned” by Meredith Hall  
 “Condoms: The New Diploma” by Rush Limbaugh III  
 “A Pyrrhic Victory” by Anna Quindlen  
 “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage” by Susan B. Anthony  
 “Woman!” by Horace Porter  
 “Learning to be Gendered” by Penelope Eckert and Sally McConnell-Ginet  
 “The Plight of Young Males” by Saul Kaplan  
 “Being A Man” by Paul Theroux  
 “Why Men Still Can’t Have It All” by Richard Dormant  
 “Affirmative Action for Men” by Scott Jaschik  
 “Why Women Still Can’t Have It All” by Anne-Marie Slaughter  
 “I Want A Wife” by Judy Brady  
 “Professions for Women” by Virginia Woolf  
 “There is no UnMarked Woman” by Deborah Tannen  
 “Barbie Doll” by Marge Percy (poem)  
 “To All the Girls I’ve Rejected” by Jennifer Delahunty Britz  
 “Little girls or little women? The Disney princess effect” by Stephanie Hanes  
 “Toddlers in Tiaras” by Skip Hollandsworth  
 “What’s Wrong With Cinderella?” by Peggy Orenstein  
 Princess softball team (photo)  
 “Differences should not drive a Curriculum” by Rosalind Barnett & Caryl Rivers

“Girls and Boys Thrive in Separate Classrooms” by Sally Reed  
 “What about Gender Roles in Same-Sex Relationships” by Stephen Mays  
 “Facebook Multiplies Genders but Offers Users the Same Three Tired Pronouns” by Dennis Baron  
 “The Freedom to Choose Your Pronoun” by Jennifer Conlin  
 “A Parent’s Journey Out of the Closet” by Agnes Herman  
 “Storm, the gender-neutral baby two years later” (Torstar News)  
 “Are We Worried About Storm’s Identity--Or Our Own” by Patricia Williams  
 “People I Want to Punch in the Face--Storm’s Parents” (blog)  
 “The Truth About Genderless Babies” by Stephanie Pappas  
 “I Have A Dream” by Martin Luther King, Jr.  
 “King’s Dream Remains an Elusive Goal. Many Americans See Racial Disparities” by the Pew Research Team  
 “Just Walk on By: A Black Man Ponders His Power to Alter Public Space” by Brent Staples  
 “Let America Be America Again” by Langston Hughes  
 “People Like Us” by David Brooks  
 “Mongrel America” by Gregory Rodriguez  
 “Notes of A Native Son” by James Baldwin  
 “How it Feels to be Colored Me” by Zora Neale Hurston  
 “The Ethics of Living Jim Crow: An Autobiographical Sketch” by Richard Wright  
 “Yes, Racial Profiling is Sometimes Acceptable” by Clifford Fishman  
 “No, Racial Profiling is Unacceptable” by Jean Abi Nader  
 “Once a Tramp, Always...” by M.F.K. Fisher  
 “A Modest Proposal” by Jonathan Swift  
 “How Junk Food Can End Obesity” by David Freedman  
 “What You Eat is Your Business” by Radley Balko  
 “Don’t Blame the Eater” by David Zinczenko  
 “Against Meat” by Jonathan Safran Foer  
 “Escape from the Western Diet” by Michael Pollan  
 “Are You Responsible for Your Own Weight” by Radley Balko  
 “Are You Responsible for Your Own Weight” by Kelly Brownell and Marion Nestle  
 “The Extraordinary Science of Addictive Junk Food” by Michael Moss  
 “The Supermarket: Prime Real Estate” by Marion Nestle  
 From *Food: A Love Story* by Jim Gaffigan (audio book)  
 “What are GMOs?” (Monsanto website)  
 “GMOs Are On Your Side--Why Aren’t You on Theirs?” by Paul Stefanski  
 “Say No to GM” (Alliance for Natural Health Website)  
 “I Had A Nice Time With You Tonight. On the App.” by Jenna Wortham  
 “No Need to Call” by Sherry Turkle  
 “Facebook Friendonomics” by Scott Brown  
 “Facebook in a Crowd” by Hal Niedzviecki  
 “Bad Connections” by Christine Rosen  
 “Is Google Making Us Stupid?” by Nicholas Carr  
 “The Influencing Machines” by Brooke Gladstone and Josh Neufeld

“Smarter Than You Think: How Technology Is Changing Our Minds for the Better” by Clive Thompson  
 “Watching TV Makes You Smarter” by Steven Johnson  
 “Better than Human: Why Robots Will--and Must--Take Our Jobs” by Kevin Kelly  
 “The Distorting Mirror of Reality TV” by Sarah Coleman  
 “We ALL Pay for Internet Plagiarism” by Ellen Laird  
 “The Dumbest Generation” (Mark Bauerlain)  
 “The Dumbest Generation? Don’t Be Dumb” (Sharon Begley)  
 “Living and Learning with New Media: Summary of Findings from the Digital Youth Project” (Mizuko Ito, et al.)  
 “Is Google Making Us Stupid” (Nicholas Carr)  
 “Your Brain on Video Games” (Steven Johnson)  
 “The New Literacy” (Clive Thompson)  
*Shelved* (cartoon- Roz Chast)\  
 Photo essay (Hungry Planet)  
 “A Naturalist in the Supermarket” (Michael Pollan)  
 “The Locavore Myth” (James McWilliams)  
 “The American Table and the Global Table” (Jonathan Safran Foer)  
 “The Carnivore’s Dilemma” (Nicolette Hahn Newman)  
 “A Good Food Manifesto for America” (Will Allen)  
 “Farm to Table: How Our Restaurant Gets Its Food to Your Plate” (A.J. Jacobs) from *Test Tube Burgers* (Michael Specter)  
 “Five Myths about Immigration” (David Cole)  
 “The Worker Next Door” (Barry Chiswick)  
 “Angels in America” (John Tierney)  
 “Our Brave New World of Immigration” (Victor Davis Hanson)  
 “Called by God to Help” (Cardinal Roger Mahony)  
 “Marlboro Man” (photo-Leonard McCombe)  
 “Being A Man” (Paul Theroux)  
 “About Men” (Gretel Ehrlich)  
 “Putting Down the Gun” (Rebecca Walker)  
 “Why Johnny Won’t Read” (Mark Bauerlein & Sandra Stotsky)  
 “Mind over Muscle” (David Brooks)  
 Tufts University Sexual Harassment Policy  
 “The Reasonable Woman Standard” (Ellen Goodman)  
 “Bared Buttocks and Federal Cases” (Ellen Frankel Paul)  
 “Cultural Fascism” (Sarah McCarthy)  
 “How to be a Woman Programmer” (Ellen Ullman)

\*\*\*Additionally, there will be independent reading assigned throughout the year. Students will have several choices in what they read. Those choices may include:

*Nagasaki: Life After Nuclear War* by Susan Southard  
*Columbine* by Dave Cullen

*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot  
*Plastic: A Toxic Love Story* by Susan Freinkel