

English 12 & AP Literature Summer Assignment 2022

Mrs. Colwell & Ms. Fink

In preparation for our fall semester together, please read a memoir or autobiography of your choosing. This will be in advance of our personal narrative writing in the fall. There will be activities associated with your reading of the book at the start of the school year, so please have it read by the first day of school!

Please also answer the following questions in a document in your Drive or in a notebook that you'll bring to school (you'll be able to upload it to Canvas once school starts) once you are finished:

What did you notice about the writing?

What do you think you could try to emulate (or mimic, attempt to do) in your own writing that this writer did?

Summarize the book. Who, What, When, Where, Why?

What is something that surprised you about the story, or the author?

Did you learn something new from your chosen book?

Would you recommend it to others?

What did you like or not like about it?

Suggestions for reading:

Trevor Noah, *Born a Crime*

Michelle Obama, *Becoming*

Tara Westover, *Educated*

John Lewis, *March* graphic novels

Laurie Halse Anderson, *Shout*

Alice Sebold, *Lucky*

Maya Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Barack Obama, *Dreams of my Father*

Ishmael Beah, *A Long Way Gone*

Jazz Jennings, *Being Jazz*

Amy Poehler, *Yes Please*

Tina Fey, *Bossy Pants*

Mindy Kaling, *Is Everyone Hanging out without Me? Or Why Not Me?*

Stephen King, *On Writing*

Anthony Ray Hinton, *The Sun Does Shine*

Anna Kendrick, *Scrappy Little Nobody*

Jeanette Walls, *The Glass Castle*

Phil Knight, *Shoe Dog*

These are only a few suggestions. If you'd like some help choosing something, feel free to email your teacher at ccolwell@schodack.k12.ny.us or afink@schodack.k12.ny.us .

Choose something you'll love! Remember you can go to the public library (Castleton or East Greenbush, which can find copies of anything you'd like) or could purchase a book in print or on a device of your choice. Audio books count too!

Happy reading! Have a great summer!