

## English 12 Summer Assignment 2019

Mrs. Colwell

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 on Google Classroom 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?

Please fill in your name and your chosen title, with author, in the chart below.

If your name and chosen title is not here by August 5, I'll be making phone calls home to be sure you are all set for September!

Name	Book Title	Author
Mrs. Colwell	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson
Zachary Eveleth	<i>Total Recall: My Unbelievably True Life Story</i>	Arnold Schwarzenegger
Karsyn Berger	Yes Please	Amy Poehler
Emma Pearsall	adnans story	rabia chaudry
Hunter Dorward	<i>Becoming</i>	Michelle Obama
Claudia Eckel	<i>Scrappy Little Nobody</i>	Anna Kendrick
natasha strock	becoming	michelle obama
Shannon Tacy	First They Killed My Father	Loung Ung
Rebecca Roe	I Can't Make This Up: Life Lessons	Kevin Hart




Suggestions for reading:

Trevor Noah, *Born a Crime*  
Michelle Obama, *Becoming*  
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?*  
Rabia Chaudry, *Adnan's Story*  
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 me at [ccolwell@schodack.k12.ny.us](mailto:ccolwell@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. Some students have found a love for Audible through my outside reading assignments.

Happy reading! Have a great summer!