

Jr AP Language and Composition Summer Reading 2017

Choose one of the following novels to read over the summer. There are limited slots for each book, so research each choice and decide which one sounds the most interesting to you. If your first choice of book is filled, be prepared to sign up for an alternative choice.

Here are the four book titles to choose from:

- 1- *Chinese Cinderella: The True Story of an Unwanted Daughter* by Adeline Yen Mah
- 2- *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* by Immaculee Ilibagiza
- 3- *Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing and the Lost Heroes of Seal Team 10* by Marcus Luttrell
- 4- *Soldier Girls* by Helen Thorpe

Choose only one book from above. Go to the student splash page to sign up for your book. Once you have done this, you cannot switch books.

These novels can be obtained from a bookstore or Amazon. Purchasing the book gives you the opportunity to write in the book/annotate.

Essay Requirements:

There are three statements about literature. Support one of the following statements and explain how that statement proves true in regards to your chosen novel using specific citations from the novel.

*Your response should reflect your thoughts, observations, and analysis of the novel you chose for this class. For this project, research is discouraged. Your response should be original.

*Do not summarize; do not give full plot information; critically analyze the novel.

*Your paper should be between 2-3 pages, with an introduction and conclusion.

*Make sure to balance indirect and direct citations.

*Times New Roman, 12 point font, double-spaced, MLA format

Due date: the first day of school---Make sure you bring a printed copy with you to class. You will be submitting your essay into Turnitin.com when you come to school.

Here are the three statements to choose from and support with your novel:

1-“A story must be exceptional enough to justify its telling; it must have something more unusual to relate than the ordinary experience of every average man and woman.”—Thomas Hardy

2-“What lasts is what is written. We look to literature to find the essence of an age.”—Peter Brodie

3-“Thus all art is propaganda and ever must be, despite the wailing of the purists...I do not care a damn for any art that is not used for propaganda.”—W.E.B. DuBois

When school begins, you will be part of a book club. You will share insights, discoveries, and questions with each other. You will prepare for a class presentation the first week of school. The instructions will be given to you when school begins.