

English 11AP Summer Reading Assignment 2009 – 2010

Incoming 11 Advanced Placement students will complete the following *IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIRED ASSIGNMENT FOR 11 HONORS*:

Choose one **non-fiction** book (including biographies, memoirs, scientific treatises such as Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*, or political treatises such as Barack Obama's *The Audacity of Hope*, or others related to an area of interest for you). Carefully read it and either take notes or annotate it. Then write a **book review**.

In this review, you must :

- Give title and author.
- Tell to what type of reader the book might appeal (including, if appropriate, age, gender, level of education, and any other criteria you deem necessary).
- List some particular aspects of the topic which the book covers.
- Analyze the author's **style** (sentence structure and level of sophistication; diction; tone; use of imagery and other literary devices) including **at least one quotation from the text** in order to demonstrate the points you make.
- Enclose the quote in quotation marks, use the ellipsis (...) to denote skipped sections or sentences, and follow it with a page number in parentheses.
- Give your **opinion** of the book – good, bad, or in between – and back it up with specific examples from the text.
- Type it in a simple, **easy-to-read 12 point font** (such as Times New Roman, Arial, Verdana or Tahoma) – **double-spaced**.
- Bring the completed book review to class on the first day; save a copy to your hard drive and/or flash drive.

For a list of suggested nonfiction titles, Google "nonfiction bestsellers" or "nonfiction bestsellers 2008." If you want a book about a particular field of interest, add that in the search box ["nonfiction booklist sports" or "nonfiction booklist history"]. You may do the same at Amazon.com and/or barnesandnoble.com.