

**AP English Language & Composition/AP English 11  
Suggested Summer Reading 2020\***

Choose ONE work from this list of suggested NONFICTION/MEMOIR readings, or choose one on your own.

\*This is a list of suggested works. Summer reading is strongly suggested for AP English 11, but it is NOT required.

**Second Great Awakening/Emergence of American Identity**

*Walden* by Henry David Thoreau

**Civil War**

*Co. Ayich: A Confederate Memoir of the Civil War* by Sam Watkins

*The Passing of Armies: An Account of the Final Campaign of the Army of the Potomac* by Joshua Chamberlain

*The Civil War Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant* by Ulysses S. Grant

**Westward Expansion**

*A Pioneer's Search for an Ideal Home* by Phoebe Goodell Judson

*A Son of the Middle Border* by Hamlin Garland

**American Indian Wars**

*Black Elk Speaks* by John G. Neihardt

**Progressive Era/Immigration**

*Memories of a Catholic Girlhood* by Mary McCarthy (autobiography)

*Twenty Years at Hull-House* by Jane Addams

**1920s/Expatriate Experience**

*A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway

**Great Depression**

*Children of the Dust: An Okie Family Story* by Betty Grant Henshaw

*Anneville: A Memoir of the Great Depression* by Thomas G. Robinson

*Growing Up* by Russell Baker

*The Growing Season: An American Boyhood Before the War* by Samuel Hynes

**WWII**

*Goodbye Darkness: A Memoir of the Pacific War* by William Manchester

*Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir by One of the Original Navajo*

*Helmet for My Pillow: From Paradise Island to the Pacific* by Robert Leckie

*With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* by E.B. Sledge

*Flights of Passage* by Samuel Hynes

**Japanese Internment**

*Nisei Daughter* by Monica Itoi Sone

*Looking Like the Enemy* by Mary Gruenewald

**1950's Migrant Labor**

*Barefoot Heart: Stories of a Migrant Child* by Elva Trevino Hart

**20<sup>th</sup> Century American Experience**

*An American Childhood* by Annie Dillard

*Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* by Annie Dillard

*The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid* by Bill Bryson

*Travels with Charley in Search of America* by John Steinbeck

*The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls

*Angela's Ashes* by Frank McCourt

*The White Album* by Joan Didion

**Korean War**

*Colder than Hell: A Marine Rifle Company at Chosin Reservoir* by Joseph R. Owen

**Vietnam War**

*If I Die in a Combat Zone, Box Me Up and Ship Me Home* by Tim O'Brien

*In Retrospect: The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam* by Robert S. McNamara

*What It Is Like To Go To War* by Karl Marlantes

*The Killing Zone: My Life in the Vietnam War* by Frederick Downs

*Dispatches* by Michael Herr

*A Rumor of War* by Philip Caputo

**Civil Rights Movement**

*Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story* by Tim Tyson

*Coming of Age in Mississippi* by Anne Moody

*Carry Me Home: Birmingham, Alabama: The Climactic Battle of the Civil Rights Revolution* by Tara Willis

*Why We Can't Wait* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

*Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement* by John Lewis with Michael D'Orso

*All Souls: A Family Story from Southie* by Michael MacDonald

**American Indian Movement**

*Lakota Woman* by Mary Crow Dog & Richard Erdoes

*Ojibwa Warrior* by Dennis Bank & Richard Erdoes

**Women's Liberation Movement**

*In Our Time: Memoir of a Revolution* by Susan Brownmiller

*My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem

**1960's Radicalism**

*Outlaw Women: A Memoir of the War Years (1960-1975)* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Jennifer Baumgardner

*Underground: My Life with SDS and the Weathermen* by Mark Rudd

**Space Race**

*Failure is Not an Option: Mission Control from Mercury to Apollo 13* by Gene Kranz

**Cold War**

*Present at the Creation: My Years in the State Department* by Dean Acheson

*From the Shadows: The Ultimate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How they Won the Cold War* by Robert Gates

*Born Under an Assumed Name: The Memoir of a Cold War Spy's Daughter* by Sara Taber

**Iraq and Afghanistan**

*The Forever War* by Dexter Filkins

**The African American Experience**

*Dust Tracks on a Road* by Zora Neale Hurston (autobiography)

*Black Boy* by Richard Wright

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

*The Beautiful Struggle* by Ta-Nehsi Coates

*Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehsi Coates

**The Southern Experience**

*All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg

*Ecology of a Cracker Childhood* by Janisse Ray

*The Liars' Club* by Mary Karr