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Dear Advanced Placement English and Composition student:

In order to prepare for class for next fall, you are required to complete the following summer reading assignment:

1. *Where You Go Is Not Where You'll Be* by Frank Bruni;
2. One non-fiction book of your choosing. (See attached list. Note the book MUST be on the list.)

After you read each book, complete the attached assignment.

Enjoy your summer.

  
Mark Maxwell

  
Peter Mikulak

**AP English Language & Composition**  
*Summer Reading 2017*  
Writing Assignment

After you read each book, respond to the following prompts.

- 1) Who is the speaker? (Write one paragraph describing the author's persona, attitude, tone.)
  
- 2) What is the occasion? (Write one paragraph describing why the author decided to write this book)
  
- 3) Who is the intended audience for this book? (Write one paragraph describing the assumptions the author makes about his/her readers?)
  
- 4) What is the author's claim? (Write one paragraph describing what the author wants his/her audience to believe after reading this book.)
  
- 5) What is the author's purpose? (Write one paragraph describing what the author wants his/her audience to do after reading this book.)
  
- 6) Find three pieces of compelling evidence that support the author's claim. Summarize each in your own words. (Write one paragraph for each piece of evidence.)

## Independent Reading Assignment: Nonfiction List

You may choose any book from this list for your non-fiction independent reading project.

Aczel, Amir & Dava Sobel – *Fermat's Last Theorem*  
Aczel, Amir & Dava Sobel – *Longitude*  
Almond, Steve - *Candyfreak: A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America*  
Ambrose, Stephen – *Band of Brothers*  
Ambrose, Stephen – *Undaunted Courage*  
Alexander, Michelle- *The New Jim Crow (2012)*  
Ansary, Tamim - *West of Kabul, East of New York*  
Armstrong, Karen – *A History of God*  
Armstrong, Lance – *It's Not About the Bike*  
Baker, Nicholson – *Double Fold: Libraries and the Assault on Paper*  
Baker, Nicholson – *The Size of Thoughts*  
Bakewell, Sarah- *At the Existentialist Cafe'*  
Beckett, Wendy – *The Story of Painting*  
Ben Jelloun, Tahar - *Racism Explained to my Daughter*  
Blackburn, Simon – *Think*  
Blackburn, Simon – *How to Be Good*  
Bowden, Mark – *Black Hawk Down: A Story of Modern War*  
Bradley, James - *Flags of our Fathers*  
Brown, Dee – *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*  
Bryson, Bill - *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail*  
Buford, Bill - *Heat*  
Buford, Bill- *Among the Thugs*  
Burkett, Elinor – *Another Planet: A Year in the Life of a Suburban High School*  
Capote, Truman - *In Cold Blood*  
Carson, Rachel - *Silent Spring*  
Chang, Iris – *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*  
Chang, Leslie – *Beyond the Narrow Gate*  
Chapin, Ted – *Everything was Possible*  
Cheng, Nien - *Life and Death in Shanghai*  
Clarke, Donald – *Wishing on the Moon*  
Cohen, Leah Hager – *Glass, Paper, Beans*  
Coleman, Gabriella- *Hacker, Hoaxer, Whistleblower, Spy*  
Coates, Ta-Nehisi- *Between the World and Me*  
Cullen, Dave - *Columbine*  
Davis, Wade - *Light at the Edge of the World: A Journey through the Realm of Vanishing Cultures*  
Delbanco, Andrew – *The Death of Satan*  
Desmond, Matthew- *Evicted*  
Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel; Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*  
Dittrich, Luke- *Patient H.M.: A Story of Memory, Madness, and Family Secrets*  
Didion, Joan – *The Year of Magical Thinking*  
Doughty, Caitlin- *Smoke Gets in Your Eye: And Other Lessons from the Crematory*  
Dubner, Stephen & Levitt, Stephen - *Freakonomics*  
Eggers, Dave - *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*  
Ehrenreich, Barbara - *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By In America*  
Ellis, Joseph – *American Sphinx*  
Ferris, Timothy - *Seeing in the Dark: How Backyard Stargazers...*  
Feynman, Richard – *Six Easy Pieces*  
Feynman, Richard - *The Pleasure of Finding Things Out*  
Foer, *How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization*

Fossey, Dian – *Gorillas in the Mist*  
Friedman, Thomas – *From Beirut to Jerusalem*  
Friedman, Thomas L. - *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*  
Gaiman, Neil- *The View from the Cheap Seats*  
Gawande, Atu – *Complications*  
Gerard, Philip - *Secret Soldiers: The Story of WWII's Heroic Army of Deception*  
Gill, Brendan – *Many Masks*  
Ginsberg, Ruth Bader- *My Own Words*  
Gladwell, Malcolm - *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*  
*Gladwell, Malcolm- The Outliers*  
*Gladwell, Malcolm- David and Goliath*  
Gleick, James- *Time Travel*  
Goodall, Jane & Dale Peterson - *Africa in my Blood: An Autobiography in Letters*  
Goodwin, Jan - *Price of Honor: Muslim Women Lift the Veil of Silence on the Islamic World*  
Grealy, Lucy - *Autobiography of a Face*  
Harr, Jonathan – *A Civil Action*  
Hillenbrand, Laura – *Seabiscuit*  
Hirsch, Edwin – *How to Read a Poem*  
Hoffman, Eva – *Lost in Translation*  
Hog-Kingston, Maxine – *Woman Warrior*  
Huxley, Elspeth - *The Flame Trees of Thika*  
Irons, Peter – *A People's History of the Supreme Court*  
Iversen, Jeremy – *High School Confidential*  
Kaysen, Susanna - *Girl, Interrupted*  
Kendi, Ibram X.- *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*  
Kidder, Tracy - *Mountains Beyond Mountains*  
Kidder, Tracy – *Soul of a New Machine*  
Kim, Richard E. - *Lost Names: Scenes From a Korean Boyhood*  
King, Ross – *Brunelleschi's Dome*  
King, Stephen--*On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft*  
Klein, Naomi- *This Changes Everything*  
Klein, Naomi - *The Shock Doctrine : the Rise of Disaster Capitalism*  
*Kozol, Alex- Savage Inequalities in America's Schools(1991)*  
*Kozol, Alex- Fire in Ashes (2012)*  
*Kozol, Alex-Shame of the Nation*  
*The Other Side of the River (1998)*  
Knapp, Caroline - *Pack of Two: The Intricate Bond Between People and Dogs*  
Krakauer, Jon - *Into the Wild*  
Krakauer, Jon - *Into Thin Air*  
Krakauer, Jon – *Under the Banner of Heaven*  
Kurlansky, Mark - *Cod*  
Lamb, David – *The Africans*  
Lamb, David – *The Arabs*  
Larson, Erik - *The Devil in the White City*  
Lewis, John, et al.- *March*  
Lewis, Michael – *Moneyball: The Art of Winning an Unfair Game*  
Levi, Primo - *The Periodic Table*  
Maclean, Norman – *Young Men and Fire*  
Maddox, Brenda - *Rosalind Franklin: The Dark Lady of DNA*  
Mander, Jerry – *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*  
Manguel, Alberto – *A History of Reading*  
Mathabane, Mark - *Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid Africa*  
McCloud, Scott – *Understanding Comics*

McCourt, Frank – *Angela's Ashes*  
McCourt, Frank – *'Tis*  
McPhee, John - *Control of Nature*  
McPhee, John – *Coming Into the Century*  
Nabhan, Gary Paul - *Why Some Like it Hot: Food, Genes, and Cultural Diversity*  
Nafisi, Azar - *Reading Lolita in Tehran*  
Nafisi, Azar--*The Republic of the Imagination: America in Three Books*  
O'Neil, Kathy- *Weapons of Math Destruction:*  
Orenstein, Peggy - *Schoolgirls: Young Women, Self-Esteem, and the Confidence Gap*  
Orlean, Susan – *The Orchid Thief*  
Patchett, Ann - *Truth and Beauty: A Friendship*  
Paterniti, Michael - *Driving Mr. Albert: A Trip Across America with Einstein's Brain*  
Peterson, Rolf - *The Wolves of Isle Royale*  
Pirsig, Robert – *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*  
Pollan, Michael - *The Botany of Desire*  
Pollan, Michael - *The Omnivore's Dilemma*  
Postman, Neil – *Amusing Ourselves to Death*  
Postman, Neil - *Technopoly*  
Preston, Richard – *The Hot Zone*  
Preston, Richard – *The Demon in the Freezer*  
Reisner, Marc - *Cadillac Desert: The American West and Its Disappearing Water*  
Ricks, Thomas – *Making the Corps*  
Roach, Mary - *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*  
Ruhlman, Michael – *The Making of a Chef*  
Sabbagh, Karl - *Skyscraper*  
Sachs, Jeffrey - *The End of Poverty: Economic Possibilities for Our Time*  
Salzman, Mark – *Iron and Silk*  
Satrapi, Marjane - *Persepolis*  
Satrapi, Marjane - *Persepolis: The Story of a Return*  
Scheeres, Julia - *Jesus Land: A Memoir*  
Schlosser, Eric – *Fast Food Nation*  
Sedaris, David - *Me Talk Pretty One Day*  
*Sedaris, David-Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls*  
See, Lisa - *On Gold Mountain: The One-Hundred-Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family*  
Shulman, James - *Nike is a Goddess: The History of Women in Sports*  
Shulman, James - *The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values*  
Sobel, Dava - *Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith, and Love*  
Solnit, Rebecca- *Men Explain Things to Me*  
Speigelman, Art - *In The Shadow of No Towers*  
Speigelman, Art - *Maus, volumes I and II*  
Staples, Brent - *Parallel Time: Growing Up in Black and White*  
Stiglitz, Joseph - *Globalization and Its Discontents*  
Tammet, Daniel - *Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant*  
Thoreau, Henry David - *Walden*  
Tuchman, Barbara – *The Guns of August*  
Von Drehle, David - *Triangle: The Fire That Changed America*  
Waal, Frans de- *Are We Smart Enough to Know How Smart Animals Are?*  
Weiner, Jonathan - *The Beak of a Finch*  
Weisman, Alan - *The World Without Us*  
Welty, Eudora - *One Writer's Beginnings*  
White, Ronald – *Lincoln's Greatest Speech*  
Wilson, Edward O. - *The Diversity of Life*  
Winchester, Simon – *The Professor and the Madman*

Wiseman, Carter – *Shaping a Nation*

Wolfe, Tom- *The Kingdom of Speech*

Wolfe, Tom – *The Right Stuff*

Yoffe, Emily - *What the Dog Did: Tales from a Formerly Reluctant Dog Owner*

Zukav, Gary – *The Dancing Wu Li Masters*