



**B.E. Mays High School  
ELA Department  
2019 Summer Reading Initiative**

**AP Language (11<sup>th</sup>) Texts and Post-Reading Assignment**

**Choose one (1) of the following texts:**

- Callahan, David. *The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead*
- Carr, Nicholas. *The Shallows. What the Internet is doing to our Brains.*
- Coates, Ta-Nehisi. *The Beautiful Struggle: A Memoir*
- Friedman, Thomas L. *The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century*
- Ganda, Martin and Caitlin Alifirenka. *I Will Always Write Back: How One Letter Changed Two Lives*
- Gladwell, Malcolm. *David and Goliath*
- Gladwell, Malcolm. *The Outliers*
- Grant, Adam. *Originals: How Nonconformists Move the World*
- Hauser, Brooke. *The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens*
- Hillenbrand, Laura. *Unbroken*
- Katz, Jon. *Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho*
- Marx, Jeffrey. *Season of Life: a Football Star, a Boy, a Journey to Manhood*
- Nafizi, Azar. *Reading Lolita in Tehran*
- Robbins, Alexandra. *The Geeks Shall Inherit the Earth: Popularity, Quirk Theory and Why Outsiders Thrive After High School*
- Scott, Stuart. *Every day I Fight*
- Skloot, Rebecca. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
- St. John, Warren. *Outcasts United: An American Town, a Refugee Team, and One Woman's Quest to Make a Difference*
- Turkle, Sherry. *Alone Together: Why We Expect More from Technology and Less from Each Other*
- Weisman, Alan. *The World Without Us*
- Yousafzai, Malala. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban*

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**AP Language (11<sup>th</sup>) Post-Reading Assignment  
(continued)**

**Post-Reading Assignment**

Read one (1) of the texts listed above. While reading, work on tasks 1, 2, and 3.

**Task # 1:** Complete Non-Fiction Data Sheets (attached)

**Task # 2:** Create a vocabulary list for your non-fiction book. This should include definitions, sentences from the book in which the word is found and an original sentence.

**Task # 3:** Make a list of 5 Big Ideas that are prompted by your reading and explain/comment on them.

**.Due Dates**

Your assignment should be submitted to your Grade 11 ELA teacher between **August 19, 2019** and **August 23, 2019**.

**AP English: Language and Composition  
Nonfiction Data Sheets**

Title:

Author:

Date of Publication:

Genre:

**Information about the person  
or subject's place in history:**

(Why is this person or subject worthy of a book?)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Author Information**

- Who is the author?
- What are the author's qualifications for writing on the subject?
- Is the author an authority in the subject area? How does the author present the subject and his/her expertise?
- Do the acknowledgements and bibliography indicate thoughtful research? (cite your sources)

**QUOTATIONS:** (Your choices should be **SIGNIFICANT** to and **REPRESENTATIVE** of the book and your explanation should include discussion of this significance. Include page numbers and put your choices in order.)

Quotation	Device and Explanation
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## Academic Words to Make You Sound Smarter.

Extensive reading is the best way to develop your command of sophisticated vocabulary, but being familiar with the appropriate level of vocabulary is extremely helpful. To help you get a handle on those ten-cent words, here are 125 words to get you going. There are other definitions to several of these words. Make sure you check. See example at end.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>abbreviate</b> -- (v) to shorten, abridge</li> <li>2. <b>abstinence</b> -- (n) the act of refraining from pleasurable activity, e.g., eating or drinking</li> <li>3. <b>acrimony</b> - (n)</li> <li>4. <b>adulation</b> -- (n) high praise</li> <li>5. <b>adversity</b> -- (n) misfortune, an unfavorable turn of events</li> <li>6. <b>aesthetic</b> -(adj) pertaining to beauty or the arts</li> <li>7. <b>amicable</b> -- (adj) friendly, agreeable</li> <li>8. <b>anachronistic</b> -- (adj) out-of-date, not attributed to the correct historical period</li> <li>9. <b>anecdote</b> -- (n) short, usually funny account of an event</li> <li>10. <b>anonymous</b> -- (adj) nameless, without a disclosed identity</li> <li>11. <b>antagonist</b> -- (n) foe, opponent, adversary</li> <li>12. <b>antidote</b> -- (n)</li> <li>13. <b>arid</b> -- (adj) extremely dry or deathly boring</li> <li>14. <b>assiduous</b> -- (adj) persistent, hard-working</li> <li>15. <b>asylum</b> -- (n) sanctuary, shelter, place of refuge</li> <li>16. <b>benevolent</b> -- (adj) friendly and helpful</li> <li>17. <b>brusque</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>18. <b>cacophony</b> -- (n)</li> <li>19. <b>camaraderie</b> -- (n) trust, sociability amongst friends</li> <li>20. <b>capricious</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>21. <b>caustic</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>22. <b>censure</b> -- (v) to criticize harshly</li> <li>23. <b>circuitous</b> -- (adj) indirect, taking the longest route</li> <li>24. <b>clairvoyant</b> -- (adj) exceptionally insightful, able to foresee the future</li> <li>25. <b>cogent</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>26. <b>collaborate</b> -- (v) to cooperate, work together</li> <li>27. <b>compassion</b> -- (n) sympathy, helpfulness or mercy</li> <li>28. <b>compromise</b> -- (v) to settle a dispute by terms agreeable to both sides</li> <li>29. <b>condescending</b> -- (adj) possessing an attitude of superiority, patronizing</li> <li>30. <b>conditional</b> -- (adj) depending on a condition, e.g., in a contract</li> <li>31. <b>conformist</b> -- (n) person who complies with accepted rules and customs</li> <li>32. <b>congregation</b> -- (n) a crowd of people, an assembly</li> <li>33. <b>convergence</b> -- (n)</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>63. <b>impute</b> -- (v) to attribute an action to particular person or group</li> <li>64. <b>incompatible</b> -- (adj) opposed in nature, not able to live or work together</li> <li>65. <b>inconsequential</b> -- (adj) unimportant, trivial</li> <li>66. <b>inevitable</b> -- (adj) certain, unavoidable</li> <li>67. <b>insidious</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>68. <b>integrity</b> -- (n) decency, honesty, wholeness</li> <li>69. <b>intrepid</b> -- (adj) fearless, adventurous</li> <li>70. <b>intuitive</b> -- (adj) instinctive, untaught</li> <li>71. <b>jubilant</b> -- (n) joy, celebration, exultation</li> <li>72. <b>lackadaisical</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>73. <b>litany</b> -- (n)</li> <li>74. <b>lobbyist</b> -- (n) person who seeks to influence political events</li> <li>75. <b>longevity</b> -- (n) long life</li> <li>76. <b>lurid</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>77. <b>malaise</b> -- (n)</li> <li>78. <b>maudlin</b> (adj)</li> <li>79. <b>mundane</b> -- (adj) ordinary, commonplace</li> <li>80. <b>nonchalant</b> -- (adj) calm, casual</li> <li>81. <b>non sequitur</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>82. <b>obsequious</b> - (adj) obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.</li> <li>83. <b>opulent</b> -- (adj) wealthy</li> <li>84. <b>orator</b> -- (n) lecturer, speaker</li> <li>85. <b>ostentatious</b> -- (adj) showy, displaying wealth</li> <li>86. <b>parched</b> -- (adj) dried up, shriveled</li> <li>87. <b>peevish</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>88. <b>perfidious</b> -- (adj) faithless, disloyal,</li> <li>89. <b>perfunctory</b> -- (adj)</li> <li>90. <b>precocious</b> -- (adj) unusually advanced or talented at an early age</li> <li>91. <b>pretentious</b> -- (adj) pretending to be important, intelligent or cultured</li> <li>92. <b>procrastinate</b> -- (v) to unnecessarily delay, postpone, put off</li> <li>93. <b>prosaic</b> -- (adj) relating to prose; dull</li> <li>94. <b>prosperity</b> -- (n) wealth or success</li> <li>95. <b>provocative</b> -- (adj) tending to provoke a response, e.g., anger or disagreement</li> <li>96. <b>prudent</b> -- (adj) careful, cautious</li> <li>97. <b>querulous</b> -- (adj) complaining, irritable</li> <li>98. <b>rancorous</b> -- (adj) bitter, hateful</li> <li>99. <b>reclusive</b> -- (adj) preferring to live in isolation</li> </ol> |
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34. **deleterious** -- (adj) harmful, destructive, detrimental
35. **demagogue** -- (n) leader, rabble-rouser, usually appealing to emotion or prejudice
36. **dichotomy** -- (n)
37. **digression** -- (n) the act of turning aside, straying from the main point, esp. in a speech or argument
38. **diligent** -- (adj) careful and hard-working
39. **discredit** -- (v) to harm the reputation of, dishonor or disgrace
40. **disdain** -- (v) to regard with scorn or contempt
41. **divergent** -- (adj) separating, moving in different directions from a particular point
42. **empathy** -- (n) identification with the feelings of others
43. **emulate** -- (v) to imitate, follow an example
44. **enervating** -- (adj) weakening, tiring
45. **enhance** -- (v) to improve, bring to a greater level of intensity
46. **ephemeral** -- (adj) momentary, transient,
47. **epitome** -- (n)
48. **esoteric (adj)**
49. **evanescent** -- (adj) quickly fading, short-lived, esp. an image
50. **exasperation** -- (n) irritation, frustration
51. **exemplary** -- (adj) outstanding, an example to others
52. **extenuating** -- (adj) excusing, lessening the seriousness of guilt or crime
53. **finagle (v)**
54. **florid** -- (adj) red-colored, flushed; gaudy, ornate
55. **fortuitous** -- (adj) happening by luck, fortunate
56. **frugal** -- (adj) thrifty, cheap
57. **glib (adj)**
58. **hackneyed** -- (adj) clichéd, worn out by overuse.
59. **haughty** -- (adj) arrogant and condescending
60. **hedonist** -- (n) person who pursues pleasure as a goal
61. **hypothesis** -- (n) assumption, theory requiring proof
62. **idiosyncratic-** (adj)
63. **impetuous** -- (adj) rash, impulsive, acting without thinking

100. **reconciliation** -- (n) the act of agreement after a quarrel, the resolution of a dispute
101. **renovation** -- (n) repair, making something new again
102. **revel-** (v)
103. **resilient** -- (adj) quick to recover, bounce back
104. **restrained** -- (adj) controlled, repressed, restricted
105. **reverence** -- (n) worship, profound respect
106. **sagacity** -- (n) wisdom
107. **scrutinize** -- (v) to observe carefully
108. **spontaneity** -- (n) impulsive action,
109. **spurious** -- (adj) lacking authenticity, false
110. **submissive** -- (adj) tending to meekness, to submit to the will of others
111. **substantiate** -- (v) to verify,
112. **subtle** -- (adj) hard to detect or describe; perceptive
113. **superficial** -- (adj) shallow, lacking i
114. **superfluous** -- (adj) extra, more than enough, redundant
115. **suppress** -- (v) to end an activity, e.g., to prevent the dissemination of information
116. **surreptitious** -- (adj) secret, stealthy
117. **tactful** -- (adj) considerate, skillful in acting to avoid offense to others
118. **tenacious** -- (adj) determined, keeping a firm grip on
119. **transient** -- (adj) temporary, short-lived, fleeting
120. **ubiquitous-** (adj)
121. **venerable** -- (adj) respected because of age
122. **vile** -- (adj)
123. **vicarious** -- (n)
124. **vindicate** -- (v) to clear from blame or suspicion
125. **wary** -- (adj) careful, cautious,

### Example:

Epitome (n) a typical or ideal example

- a. *He is the epitome of goodness. (Dictionary)*
- b. *Paint Branch H.S. stands as the epitome of diversity.*