

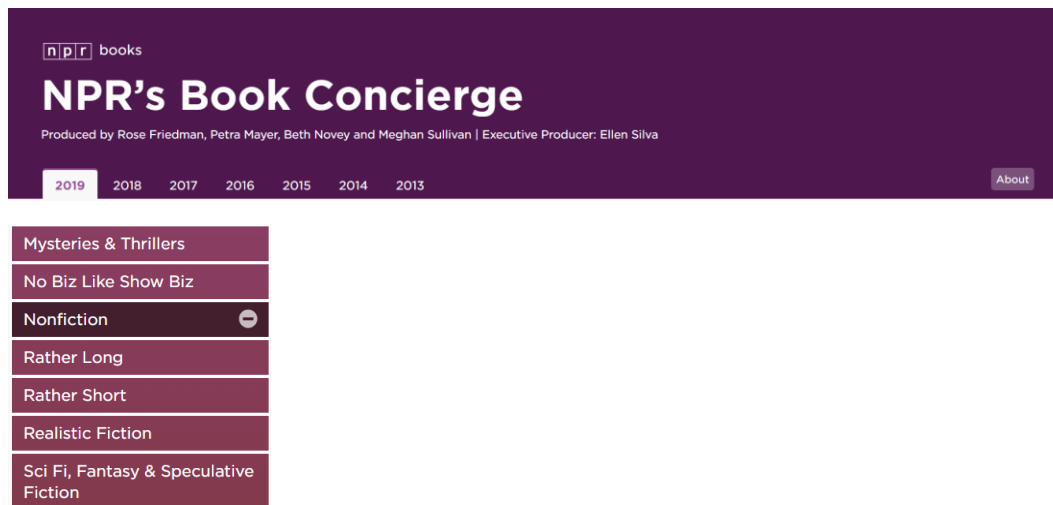
Dear Scholar,

Congratulations on choosing to enroll in AP Language & Composition. This course is designed to challenge your mind, your heart, and your spirit as you grow into a more confident reader and writer.

In our current circumstances, I needn't remind you that time is of the essence. John Wooden, a famous basketball coach, once said that "it takes time to create excellence. If it could be done quickly, more people would do it." So that is what I would ask of you this summer, to take advantage of the time you have been given by reading (and dare I say enjoying) one book from NPR's Book Concierge Book List:

[NPR Book Concierge](#)

You may choose a book from **ANY** year; however, **it must be nonfiction**. Change years by selecting the year in the navigation bar at the top of the page. Ensure that your book is nonfiction by selecting nonfiction in the left side-bar. Remember to do this each time you change years.



As you read, I am asking you to complete the following assignments, listed here in the order of importance:

- I. **READ ONE NONFICTION BOOK! AP IS FOR CONTENDERS, NOT PRETENDERS!**
- II. **Annotate:** You all have been shown how to annotate for understanding; I encourage you to annotate for enjoyment. While making notations in your book, **converse** with the author. Note your reactions to situations and characters, express your feelings and frustrations, and do not hesitate to **challenge** the author or some of her creations.
- III. **Look up unfamiliar words:** The breadth and depth of your vocabulary establishes the horizons of your mind!

It is important to note that this assignment is not mandatory! BUT, I ask you to remember John Wooden's quote. If the goal is excellence, then reaching it requires time.

I look forward to seeing you all in August confident that we are all just a little more astute, more learned, more *excellent* from our summer reading!

Best Regards,

Mr. Trowell