



Tenth Grade Accelerated English Summer Reading Guidelines

For summer reading, all 10th grade English students will read *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand. Please make sure that you purchase the unabridged version of *Unbroken* (rather than the Young Adult Abridged version). The ISBN number for the version you should purchase is 978-0-8129-7449-2. This novel contains depictions of war that are often graphic; I expect you to approach this as a mature reader. Please understand that reading the abridged version is not an acceptable substitute for the full-length book, and reading the abridged version will not prepare you for the test or the rigor of 10th grade English in general. You are expected to read the novel carefully without using Internet summaries or any sources other than the actual book (including movies). You are highly encouraged to use highlighters and/or make notes in your book. You will remember more of the storyline if you actively read.

In addition, you will read a short, non-fiction essay by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called “Letter from a Birmingham Jail.” You do not need to purchase a copy of this work; the link is https://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html.

Testing Guidelines

You will complete **25%** of your summer reading test grade by posting to the summer reading discussion board on Google Classroom. There are 5 questions about *Unbroken* to which you must post a response. There is no minimum amount of words. Each post is worth 5% of your grade, for a total of 25%. **These discussion board posts are due by Monday, August 9th at 11:59pm. No late submissions will be accepted.**

Join the Google Classroom here:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MzIyOTA2NjgxNjI3?cjc=xfpshm4>. Class Code: xfpshm4

You will complete **75%** of your summer reading test grade by testing on the plot of the novel and letter on **Tuesday, August 10, 2021**. The Compliance Form must be signed and returned on August 10 before your test. You will receive 11 points off your Summer Reading Test each day if the compliance form is not submitted at the beginning of the class period in which you take the test.

Below is an optional reading schedule. *Unbroken* is over 400 pages; following this schedule will get you used to the fast-paced rigor of English II.

- Week 1: 5/31-6/6 - Chapters 1-4 (pgs. 3-39)
- Week 2: 6/7-6/13 - Chapters 5-7 (pgs. 40-81)
- Week 3: 6/14-6/20 - Chapters 8-10 (pgs. 82-118)
- Week 4: 6/21-6/27 - Chapters 11-14 (pgs. 119-159)
- Week 5: 6/28-7/4 - Chapters 15-19 (pgs. 160-205)
- Week 6: 7/5-7/11 - Chapters 20-23 (pgs. 206-244)
- Week 7: 7/12-7/18 - Chapters 24-27 (pgs. 245-281)
- Week 8: 7/19-7/25 - Chapters 28-32 (pgs. 282-325)
- Week 9: 7/26-8/1 - Chapters 33-36 (pgs. 326-369)
- Week 10: 8/2-8/8 - Chapters 37-Epilogue (pgs. 370-406)