



# First Academy Leesburg

## AP Language Summer Reading 2020-21

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“Previous research has shown that children who do not read in the summer lose two to three months of reading development a year, while students who do read gain a month of reading proficiency. The result is a three- to four-month gap every year, which will snowball into a 1 ½--year gap between the time children complete kindergarten and the time they finish fifth grade.” Dr. Richard L. Allington

Due to the stressors and instability caused by COVID 19 and the changes students faced with distance learning, summer reading for AP students is optional (FOR THIS SUMMER ONLY.) Students are encouraged to read one or two books from the list below for extra credit. **There is no penalty for not completing this assignment!!!**

I cannot stress enough the importance of reading and don't want my students to get behind. Summer reading is a research-based practice which prevents students from losing knowledge gained in the previous school year. For the AP student, it also continues to enhance the fluency and comprehension vital for the AP classroom.

### How it works:

For the FIRST book, students will receive:

- 50-point extra credit score averaged in for the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks

For the SECOND book students will receive:

- 1 dress down day pass
- 1 homework pass

Parents will sign the bottom portion of this letter and students will turn by Friday of the first week of school.

### AP students must choose from the list below. The books should NOT have been read before.

- *Something Needs to Change* by David Platt
- *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah
- *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson
- *The Color of Water* by James McBride
- *Notes from the Tilt-A-Whirl* by N.D. Wilson
- *Good to Great* by James C. Collins
- *Fast Food Nation* by Eric Schlosser
- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore
- *Quiet* by Susan Cain
- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
- *Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hildebrand
- *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall, Denver Moore, Lynn Vincent

**In order to receive extra credit, this must be signed by all parties and turned in by the Friday of the first week of school, without exception unless prior consent has been given by Mrs. Iseminger or Mrs. Martin .**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest to the fact that \_\_\_\_\_ read \_\_\_\_\_ book(s) from the list above this summer.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Staff Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest to the fact that I read \_\_\_\_\_ book(s) from the list above this summer.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_