Honors Senior Rhetoric Summer Reading Project 2020

Introduction to Honors Senior Rhetoric

Welcome! The major goal of this course is to expose you to the wide variety of writing assignments that you will encounter in college and beyond. As a result, a heavy emphasis will be placed on research and synthesis. While these skills are not new to you, there is still much to be learned about generating research questions, conducting an exhaustive review of relevant literature, and creating a claim/conclusion based on sound reasoning techniques.

To build these skills, you will complete an extended research task that will serve as the benchmark experience for this course. In brief, you will choose a topic/focus early in the course, and then you will spend the rest of the semester researching your topic, consulting texts from various genres. Once all of your information is compiled, including personal experience and primary sources, you will produce a final product that synthesizes your research and presents an arguable claim generated from your findings.

To be successful with this project, it is crucial to find an “inspiration text” that introduces you to the topic and helps you to generate research questions that will guide your review of sources. To get you started, your summer reading project will ask you to select your topic and your inspiration text. We want you to take the time to truly read and savor your selected text.

Guidelines

- Make sure that the text represents a topic that you are truly passionate about because you will live with this topic for the entire semester. We have attached a list of books, broken down by topic, for you to peruse if necessary. You are not limited to the books on this list. Hopefully, the list will be a guide, but you are free to select your own text. All of the books on the list are available in the NCHS LRC.

- The text that you select should be nonfiction, but please do not select a memoir.

- The majority of the text should be written in 3rd person and contain research.

- You MAY NOT use a text that you have been assigned to read for ANY of your previous classes.

Process

1) Select the text that will form the foundation of your project, making sure that it presents a topic that you are passionate about and would be willing to spend a full semester exploring.

2) Read and annotate the book, concentrating on identifying questions that the book raises that would necessitate further research and study. Since you will spend all semester exploring this topic, you need to establish a series of in depth questions that help you to cover the full breadth of the topic.
3) Come to the first day of class with your topic and initial research questions fleshed-out and ready to present to your peers. Bring your book with you.

Notes:

1. While there is no formal piece of writing attached to this assignment, it is crucial that you engage in a deep read of your selected text. It will serve as the basis of many formative assignments geared towards getting you started with your research project.

2. If you have trouble getting a copy of a text, please email Mrs. Vos at lvos@naperville203.org

Happy Reading!

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## Recommended Nonfiction Titles Available in the LRC
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Flash Boys  332.6 LEW
Freakonomics  330 LEV hidden side
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Planet Google  338.7 STO Google
Steve Jobs  92 Jobs ISA

Crime/Law/ Law Enforcement
Black Mass  364.106 LEH FBI
Bringing Down the House  364.1 MEZ Las Vegas for
Burning Down the House  365.4209 BER system
A Civil Action  346.73038 HAR cancer-causing pollution
Columbine  373.788 CUL

Ghettoside  364.152 LEO ghettos
The Good Nurse  364.152 GRA prolific serial killer
Missoula  362.88 KRA system in a
The New Jim Crow  364.973 ALE the age of

Ashlee Vance  The man behind Tesla
David Kirkpatrick  The inside story of the company
Michael Lewis  Wall Street expose’
Steven D. Levitt  Economist explains the hidden side
Zac Bissonnette  The dark side of the Craze
Adam Lashinsky  The inner-workings of Apple
David Magee  Leadership lessons
Randall Stross  Manufacturer Behind the scenes at Google
Walter Isaacson  Biography of Steve Jobs

Dick Lehr  Whitey Bulger vs. the FBI
Ben Mezrich  6 MIT students take $3 million
Nell Bernstein  Juvenile prison Legal battle:
Jonathan Harr  A profile of the 1999 Killers
Dave Cullen  Crime in Los Angeles’ college town
Jill Leovy  America’s most colorblindness
Charles Graeber  Rape and the justice
Jon Krakauer  Mass incarceration in
Michelle Alexander  colorblindness
**Newtown 371.7820 LYS**  Matthwe Lysiak  Newtown school  

*No Place to Hide* 327.12 GRE  Glenn Greenwald  Edward Snowden, the NSA, and the U.S.  

**Notorious RBG 92 GINSBERG CAR**  Irin Carmon  Bader Ginsberg  

*Sex on the Moon* 364.16 MEZ  Ben Mezrich  Daring heist of NASA's moon rocks  

*Silent Witness* 363.2509 MCC  Nigel McCrery  Gruesome but fascinating history of  

**Whitey Bulger 92 BULGER CUL**  Kevin Cullen  gangster and brought him to  

**Cultural Studies/Regional Studies/Anthropology**  

**The Human Age: The World Shaped by Us** 302 ACK  Diane Ackerman  Impact of humans on nature and the planet  

**Behind the Beautiful Forevers** 305.5 BOO  Katherine Boo  Families living in slums of Mumbai  

**Guns, Germs, and Steel** 303.4 DIA  Jared Diamond  How human societies were shaped  

**Born to Run** 796.420 McD  Christopher McDougall  A S. American Indian group who runs without rest or injury  

**The Black Calhouns** 973.0496 BUC  Gail Lumet Buckley  From the Civil War to one Lena Horne’s family  

**Environment**  

**The Boom** 333.0 GOL  Russell Gold  How fracking ignited the American energy revolution and changed the world  

**A Civil Action** 346.73038 HAR  Jonathan Harr  Legal battle: cancer-causing pollution  

**Eyes Wide Open** 363.7 FLE  Paul Fleishchman  Summary of today's environmental challenges  

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Richard Preston
Deadly virus spreads to U.S.
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* 616 SKL
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A poor black tobacco farmer’s cells became important tools in medicine

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*Boardwalk Empire* 974.9 JOH
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*The Right Stuff* 629.4 WOL

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*The Sixth Extinction* 576.8 KOL

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Prediction of the next extinction

*Spare Parts* 338.7 DAV

robotics team  
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elite universities.  
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cadavers  
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The many uses of cadavers

*What If?* 500 MUN

answers to absurd  
Randall Munroe  
Serious scientific hypothetical questions

**Sports**

*The Art of a Beautiful Game* 796.323 BAL

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Chris Ballard  
Explores the training, physical demands, skill and other

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*The Big Fix* 796.334 FOR

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Oher, taken in by a wealthy family, and the changing role of the left tackle position in football

*Born to Run* 796.420 McD

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A S. American Indian great distances

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*Boys Among Men* 796.323 ABR

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