Guidelines:

1. Select a nonfiction book. Have it approved by me.
2. Begin reading immediately. The first Discussion Board is Friday, November 30.
3. You will read at your own pace. Analyze the style of the book.
4. 2nd Discussion Board, Friday, December 14.
5. 3rd Discussion Board, Friday, January 11.
6. Final project on novel due week of January 25.

Nonfiction is writing that is real; real settings, real characters

Memoir

Essay

Diary

Biography

Autobiography

Documentary

Nonfiction Book List

* *Alive,* Piers Paul Read (1974). [9th grade book- Smith]

A rugby team crashes into the mountains and must learn to survive. There is some cannibalism.

* *The Bite of Mango,* Mariatu Kamara (2008). [3]

Kamara attempts to escape a small village which had been overtaken by armed rebels, many not much older than her 12 year old self. They torture her and cut off both of her hands. She eventually escapes and is now a college students and UNICEF representative.

* *The Devil in the White City,*

The story of the Chicago’s World Fair in the late 1800s- one of the architect who had two weeks to build the *White City* for the world to see. The other of the serial killer who purchases a hotel and rents rooms for fair goers who never get the chance to leave.

* *Fast Food Nation,* Eric Schlosser (2002). [4]

The book which examines the development of the fast food industry in the United States, looking into the contributions of Walt Disney and Ray Kroc.

* *Freakonomics,* Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner (2005). [4]

An examination of society and changes in marketing, the economy,

* *Freedom Writer’s Diary,* Erin Gruwell (1999).

A group of at-risk students who had been given up on by local school groups, one teacher comes in and believes in them. This is the story of those students and how they found meaning in their education.

* *The Glass Castle*, Jeannette Walls (2005). [3]

The story of two siblings who grow up with a charismatic, drunk, con-artist of a father and a mother who has no domestic feelings. They run away to New York City when they are old enough to begin a successful life on their own. When their parents follow, they remain in poverty, homeless situations.

* *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, Rebecca Skloot (2010). [4]

The Family behind the study and scientific advancement of the HeLa cell. This family was not aware of the use the cells, nor were they compensated; ironically, they didn’t even have health insurance.

This book is very popular in AP, especially AP Biology and AP Environmental Science.

* *In Cold Blood,* Truman Capote (1965, 1993). [3]

Capote studies the murder of a small town family who was shot and killed in very close range with no apparent motive. His investigation led to the capture, trial, and execution of the killers. Made into a movie.

* *Into the Wild,* Jon Krakauer (1996). [4]

A young man gives away $25,000 of his savings to charity and moves to Alaska to see if he can survive on his own. Made into a movie.

* *A Little Piece of Ground,* Elizabeth Laird (2006). [3]

A group of children growing up in Palestine just want a place to play soccer but their war-torn country impacts the world around them with the strict curfew on the town.

* *A Long Way Gone,* Ishmael Beah (2007). [ordered for 9th grade]

Beah was forced into a rebel army at a young age and forced to complete horrendous acts of violence against people. When he finally escapes, he has to overcome and learn to live with many of the acts he committed against humanity. He is now a representative for UNICEF.

* *No Impact Man*, Colin Beavan (2009). [4]

A family living in downtown Manhattan decides to go completely green in one year. No electricity, no automobiles, no processed or store bought food, no toilet paper.

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* *The Radioactive Boy Scout,* Ken Silverstein (2004). [3]

A high school student who is working on his Atomic Energy badge for Boy Scouts, ends up building a nuclear reactor in his backyard garden shed. He endangers his entire town and the EPA buries David’s lab in a radioactive dumpsite in Utah.

* *Stiff*, Mary Roach (2003). [4]

Roach studies the multiple uses of a cadaver in science and social experiments.

* *A Stolen Life*, Jaycee Duggard

The story of Jaycee Duggard who was kidnapped and held for 15 years with her abductors.

* *Two Kisses for Maddy,*

New release of a young man who married his high school sweetheart and they have a baby. Within 24 hours of giving birth, his wife has a brain aneurysm and dies. He now is a new father and a widower who has to figure out how to go on with his life for the purpose of providing a good life for his daughter.