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Books We May Be  
Reading This Year:

- ◆ *Native Son* by Richard Wright
- ◆ *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin
- ◆ *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls
- ◆ *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley
- ◆ *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey
- ◆ *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- ◆ *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez
- ◆ *The Fire Next Time* by Celeste NG
- ◆ *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

Northwood High  
School

## Gladiator Summer Reading

### AP Language

2019-2020  
*English Department*



DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

# The Assignment: Details!



## The Details:

- ◆ Read *Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer.
- ◆ Take notes that address stylistic conventions, thematic content and, most importantly, the author's rhetorical purpose.
- ◆ Annotate the texts (or use Post-it notes if you don't like to mark up books) as you read to pursue active, rather than passive, reading skills.
- ◆ Bring your notes to class. We will do an in-class timed writing on Day 2!

Advanced Placement classes are designed as college-level courses. Please keep this fact in mind as we work our way through the school year and prepare for the AP exam in Language and Composition. We expect a high level of effort, motivation, participation, and achievement from everyone enrolled in this class. According to The College Board, AP English Language and Composition "engages students in becoming skilled readers of prose written in a variety of periods, disciplines, and rhetorical contexts and in becoming skilled writers who compose for a variety of purposes. Both their writing and their reading should make students aware of the interactions among a writer's purposes, audience expectations, and subjects as well as the way generic conventions and the resources of language contribute to effectiveness in writing." Our course emphasizes rhetoric and argumentation.

Note: If you do not have access to this book, you may check it out from our English Department. Find Ms. Dixon or Ms. Priest in A219 for assistance!

*This assignment  
will be graded!  
Start off the  
year on the  
right foot!*

