

## AP Seminar Summer Reading

You are going to read a book of your choice that focuses on making hard choices and doing the right thing, as well as watching a TED talk and reading a poem and an essay about that poem, as well as reading a book on argument and completing a series of exercises. All assignments will be done on Google Classroom.

### TED talk and poem:

Watch the TED talk here: [Ruth Chang on Making Hard Choices](#). Then, write about two ideas she presents about choosing and explain how they could apply to you.

Next, read Robert Frost's [The Road Not Taken](#) and this [essay on the poem](#). Then, explain how the essay may have changed your view of the poem and the view you have of making choices.

### Book of Choice:

For your individual choice of book, choose ten substantial quotations that do at least one of the following:

- Make you see the way our choices affect individuals or society in a new way
- Provide information that is wholly new to you and interesting
- Present an insightful or philosophical approach to making choices
- Provide a scientific perspective on making choices
- Provide an historical perspective on making choices
- Provide insight into the economic consequences of choices

Make every effort to have at least one of the above. This will not be possible for some of the books and that is fine.

Then, write a substantial response that explains why you chose that quotation, what interests you, what connections you can make, etc. Be sure to document page numbers.

Choose one of the following. Read a bit about the book before you choose it. If you find something that interests you that isn't on this list, send me an email at [jclapp@malDENPS.org](mailto:jclapp@malDENPS.org):

### Fiction:

Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie  
Me and Earl and the Dying Girl by Jesse Andrews  
Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood  
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini  
The Stand by Stephen King  
Warm Bodies by Isaac Marion  
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison  
My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely  
The Secret History by Donna Tartt  
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas  
The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak

**Non-fiction:**

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates  
Being Mortal by Atul Gawande  
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand  
When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi  
Doing the Right Thing by Scott B. Rae  
The Year of Yes by Shonda Rhimes  
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

A Workbook for Arguments

Read Rules 1-39(p. 3-208); For each set of exercises, complete at least ONE EVEN numbered exercise problem. Model answers for odd numbered problems are in the back of the book. This should end up being a total of 46 exercises.

You will need to turn these in on Classroom as you go. See me if you have internet problems.  
You will find due dates below:

June 29: pages 3-26, exercise sets 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5

July 6: pages 26-56, exercise sets 1.6, 1.7, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4

July 13: pages 61-89, exercise sets 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4

July 20: pages 89-123, exercise sets 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4

July 27: pages 126-153, exercise sets 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5

August 3: pages 159-174, exercise sets 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 7.6, 7.7

August 10: pages 175-196, exercise sets 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 8.1, 8.2, 8.3

August 17: pages 199-207, exercise sets 8.4, 8.5