

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade (A.P.) Summer Reading

1. *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance (ISBN 978-0062300546). In writing, discuss how this book influenced or enhanced your understanding of a) the current political climate in America, b) the economic conditions that exist in this region of the US loosely described as Appalachia, and c) the social structures and limitations that exist in this region of America. Please make specific references to the text to support your observations. Suggestion: take notes and annotate as you read.
  
2. *A Colony In A Nation*, by Chris Hayes (ISBN 978-0393254228)
  
3. *New York Times* (free online subscription from school). Students must read at least 100 articles from the NYT (excluding sports section) over the course of the summer...roughly 10 articles per week. Please choose a variety of articles to read: political, economic, social, cultural, financial, etc. Students should keep a record of each article's title, author, date it appeared in the NYT, and a 2-3 sentence personal "take-away" from each article.
  
4. If you are able, please follow the following accounts on Twitter over the summer...interesting, credible posts on diverse topics:
  - Pew Research Center (@pewresearch)
  - All Things Census (@allthingscensus)
  - Nicholas Kristof (@NickKristof)
  - TED Talks (@TEDTalks)
  - NYT Opinion (@NYTOpinion)
  - Human Rights Watch (@HRW)
  - Southern Poverty Law Center (@SPLCenter)
  - American Civil Liberties Union (@ACLU)
  - Prison Policy Initiative (@PrisonPolicy)
  - UN High Commissioner for Refugees (@UNHCR)