

ALL SUMMER WORK IS DEPENDENT UPON YOUR FINALIZED SCHEDULE!

**RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
2018 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
GRADES 11 AND 12
*AP English Language and Composition***



2018 Summer Reading Requirements: AP English Language and Composition

Students enrolled in AP English Language and Composition are required to read the listed works and complete the complementing tasks. Students are required to follow through with the specified reading/writing directions for American Political Speeches. Recommended strategies for *That Used to Be Us* are also detailed below.

AMERICAN POLITICAL SPEECHES (Richard Beeman, Ed.)

American Political Speeches includes samples of American rhetoric that span our nation's history. These selections are not limited to those spoken by elected public officials: they include the speeches of other famous Americans who moved and changed our nation through language. Students in AP English Language and Composition will be required to read the following political speeches in the collection:

- John Winthrop, "City on a Hill"
- Patrick Henry, "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"
- Frederick Douglass, "The Hypocrisy of the Nation Must Be Exposed"
- Carrie Chapman Catt, "The Women's Hour Has Struck"
- Franklin D. Roosevelt, "Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself"
- Hillary Clinton, "If Women are Healthy and Educated"
- George W. Bush, "We Shall Not Falter"

Accompanying Assignment for American Political Speeches

Complete the following steps for annotating each speech listed above in your book; books will be collected and graded upon return to school in September:

1. Read the introductory paragraph and underline facts and information that contextualize the speech
2. Highlight the claims or assertions made throughout the text
3. Identify literary devices used by labeling the device in the margins of the speech
4. Underline notable diction (word usage) throughout the speech
5. Identify the topic of the passage in the space following the speech

All notes should be recorded legibly in your copy of *American Political Speeches*.

THAT USED TO BE US (Thomas L. Friedman and Michael Mandelbaum)

In *That Used to Be Us*, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for *The New York Times* Thomas L. Friedman and Professor Michael Mandelbaum of Johns Hopkins University team up to analyze the four major challenges that the United States faces and spell out what our nation must do to preserve its position of power in the world. The authors show how America's history, when properly understood, offers a formula for prosperity that will enable us to meet the challenges of the modern, globalized world. As students read *That Used to Be Us*, they should take notes about the authors' overarching argument and their supplementary claims. Students should examine the issues that Friedman and Mandelbaum explore concerning America's decline, its trajectory, and the solutions the authors suggest are needed to reclaim America's place of prestige and power in today's globalized world.