

JAMES MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL

Advanced English I

As a preview, the first thing that we will read is a non-fiction text of your choice from the following list: *Stiff*, *I am Malala*, and *The Other Wes Moore*. If you would like to get ahead, you can begin this reading over the summer; this reading will be due about three weeks after school starts. We encourage you to purchase a copy of your book so that you can annotate in it; however, if you are not able to purchase it, you may access a PDF of the text online. You should choose a nonfiction book from the list below that you can discuss in class and that is appropriate to the level of text expected in a 9th grade advanced class. Choose something that is of interest to you personally.

Reading Assignment

As you read, think about a theme the author is presenting to the reader. Mark passages that help reveal the theme you have chosen. You should mark a minimum of 4 key passages.

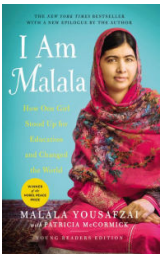
Advanced English I Non-Fiction Summer Reading List

Stiff by Mary Roach

ISBN: 0393050939



Stiff is an oddly compelling, often hilarious exploration of the strange lives of our bodies postmortem. For two thousand years, cadavers—some willingly, some unwittingly—have been involved in science's boldest strides and weirdest undertakings. They've tested France's first guillotines, ridden the NASA Space Shuttle, been crucified in a Parisian laboratory to test the authenticity of the Shroud of Turin, and helped solve the mystery of TWA Flight 800. For every new surgical procedure, from heart transplants to gender reassignment surgery, cadavers have been there alongside surgeons, making history in their quiet way.



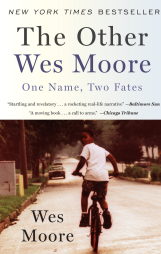
I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

ISBN: 9780316327916

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes - educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus from school. No one expected her to survive. Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest. Malala's story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person -- one young person -- can inspire change in her community and beyond.

The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates by Wes Moore

ISBN: 0385528191



Two kids with the same name lived in the same decaying city. One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. Here is the story of two boys and the journey of a generation. In December 2000, the Baltimore Sun ran a small piece about Wes Moore, a local student who had just received a Rhodes Scholarship. The same paper also ran a series of articles about four young men who had allegedly killed a police officer in a spectacularly botched armed robbery. The police were still hunting for two of the suspects who had gone on the lam, a pair of brothers. One was named Wes Moore.

We are looking forward to a great year. If you have any issues with getting the book or have any questions, feel free to email either Mrs. Perinza Reddic at preddic@aisd.net or Mrs. Jennifer McNairn at jmcnairn@aisd.net.

Enjoy your summer!

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