Dear Ninth Grade CP English Student,

The English department at Glen Ridge High School believes that summer reading is the best way for a student to continue the learning process, make transitions to new classes, and improve standardized test scores. Therefore, we are requiring that you read one nonfiction book from the ‘required’ list below. The list of books serves as a strong introduction to our curriculum’s focus on journeys, heroes, and dreams. You should be prepared to spend the first unit of study on your chosen book, and write an analytical essay on the book.

Additionally, we encourage you to complete as much outside reading as possible, not only during the summer, but also throughout the school year. We are attaching a list of recommended reading, and we invite you to read as much as you can. Extra Credit may be awarded!

Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,

The English Department
Glen Ridge High School
9th Grade—Required Summer Reading List - Choose One

*I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
Maya Angelou

*Into the Wild*  
Jon Krakauer

*Unbroken*  
Laura Hillenbrand

9th Grade—Recommended Summer Reading List

*Don’t Let’s Go to the Dogs Tonight*  
Alexandra Fuller

*Endurance*  
Alfred Lansing

*Strength in What Remains*  
Tracy Kidder

*The Hobbit*  
J. R. R. Tolkien

*Little Women*  
Louisa May Alcott

*This Boy's Life: A Memoir*  
Tobias Wolff

*The Tipping Point*  
Malcolm Gladwell

*The Help*  
Kathryn Stockett

*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*  
Mark Haddon

*The Art of Racing in the Rain*  
Garth Haddon

*Life of Pi*  
Yann Martel

*Black Hawk Down*  
Mark Bowden

*Station Eleven*  
Emily St. John Mandel

*Half-Broke Horses: A True Life Novel*  
Jeannette Walls

*The Secret Life of Bees*  
Sue Monk Kidd

*Into Thin Air*  
Jon Krakauer

*The Glass Castle*  
Jeannette Walls

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*  
Ishmael Beah

*Educated: A Memoir*  
Tara Westover