

*Summer Reading
English I P/AP and LEAP
Marcus High School*

As a prospective English I P/AP or LEAP student, you are expected to read the following selections this summer. No work other than reading these two selections is required during the summer. You will have an objective test and a writing assignment over this reading during your first week in your English class (fall or spring semester). We will also have class discussions and other activities related to the reading when we return, so be sure to bring a copy of each text with you to class.

Everyone should read the following:

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte - Bronte's Victorian tale of a young governess who finds herself in a frightening situation in an isolated English mansion combines social commentary with Gothic romance.

In addition, each of you will need to select one of the following works of nonfiction:

Chinese Cinderella by Yen Mah Adeline - the story of the author's painful childhood in China where she lived with her father, stepmother, and siblings, all of whom considered her bad luck because her mother died shortly after giving birth to her.

Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer - the true story of Christopher McCandless, a young man from a well-to-do East Coast family who, after graduating from college, donated all of the money in his bank account to charity, changed his name to "Alexander Supertramp," and began a journey in the American West. Nearly two years later, McCandless was found dead in the Alaska wilderness. In the book, Krakauer draws parallels between his own experiences and motivations and those of McCandless.

It's Not about the Bike by Lance Armstrong – the inspirational story of Armstrong's battle with cancer and the nutritional, physical, emotional, and spiritual details of his recovery.

Friday Night Lights by H. G. Bissinger – the story of one of the Odessa Permian Panthers' dramatic football seasons. The author chronicles this season and demonstrates how single-minded devotion to the team shapes the community and inspires – and sometimes shatters – the teenagers who wear the Panthers' uniforms.

My Father's War: A Memoir by Julia Collins – the author's moving account of the effects of World War II on the man who was to become her father.

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