

## Grades 11-12 Summer Reading Assignment and Titles

\*\*\*Students who are going to be juniors or seniors for the 2022-2023 school year **NOT** taking AP English Literature or AP English Language and Composition are required to read **ONE** book from the two book titles in the chart at the bottom of this page. Please complete the assignment listed below.

### Assignment:

Look over the two book titles and the supplemental links provided and choose the book that looks interesting to you.

While reading your chosen book, please highlight, sticky note, or annotate for things you find effective/interesting about the author's [diction](#), [syntax](#), [detail](#), [emphasis](#), [writing style](#), and use of [motifs](#) (If needed, click on the terms to see definitions and additional information.).

After reading your chosen book, please write a response and answer the following questions. Your response should be one page, double spaced, and a paragraph in length. **Please bring it to class on the first day of school:**

- What do you think the theme of the book is?
- How have the items you have marked helped to develop that theme?

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Work	Book Cover	Description	Extra Links
<p><i>Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard</i> by Liz Murray</p> <p>Year Published: 2010</p>		<p>"<i>Breaking Night</i> is the stunning memoir of a young woman who at age fifteen was living on the streets, and who eventually made it into Harvard...an unforgettable and beautifully written story of one young woman's indomitable spirit to survive and prevail, against all odds." <i>Barnes and Noble</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Interview with author Liz Murray</a></p> <p><a href="#">New York Times review</a></p>
<p><i>Zeitoun</i> by Dave Eggers</p> <p>Year Published: 2010</p>		<p>"The true story of one family, caught between America's two biggest policy disasters: the war on terror and the response to Hurricane Katrina.</p> <p>Abdulrahman and Kathy Zeitoun run a house-painting business in New Orleans. In August of 2005, as Hurricane Katrina approaches, Kathy evacuates with their four young children, leaving Zeitoun to watch over the business. In the days following the storm he travels the city by canoe, feeding abandoned animals and helping elderly neighbors. Then, on September 6th, police officers armed with M-16s arrest Zeitoun in his home. Told with eloquence and compassion, <i>Zeitoun</i> is a riveting account of one family's unthinkable struggle with forces beyond wind and water." <i>Barnes and Noble</i></p>	<p><a href="#">Book Review of Zeitoun</a></p> <p><a href="#">Full Text PDF</a></p>