

Congratulations for enrolling in Pre-AP English I! This summer we ask that you choose and read one of the following novels:

- Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
- *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier
- All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card



If you need help choosing your novel, visit websites such as Amazon.com or Goodreads.com to read plot summaries and book reviews.

## We will be focusing on the idea of "change over time" as we discuss, analyze, and write about these books in the first three weeks of the school year. Here are some key questions to help you read critically:

- What are the key themes and ideas presented in the novel, and how do they impact the journey of the protagonist?
- How does the protagonist grow and develop as s/he faces new challenges and new conflicts in the story?
- How does the protagonist change himself/herself, others around him/her, and/or the world s/he lives in?

Remember what it takes to be an *active* reader. We encourage you to highlight and annotate the text as you read. Challenge yourself to dig deep and ask philosophical questions.

We look forward to meeting you!

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