



## 2009 Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Future Seahawk,

Welcome to South Lakes High School and to 9th grade! This year, your summer reading assignment will be to read a **biography or autobiography** of your choice. Your book must be at least 150 pages long and be appropriate for a high school student. Check out our list of some book ideas on the back of this sheet! Please be prepared to share your book with the class in the form of an oral presentation within the first week of school (a specific assignment will be given to you on the first day of school). This assignment will be your first grade in English. It is very important that you put forth your best effort.

You will need to discuss the answers to the following questions in your presentation:

1. What was a memorable or significant incident from the person's youth. Explain why this incident is significant.
2. Who was a person who was a strong influence on the person featured in the biography. Why was this person a strong influence?
3. What was one major obstacle, challenge, or crisis the person faced in his or her life. How did he or she deal with this situation?
4. What was a key contribution the subject made to his or her society? (i.e. Why is the person famous?)
5. What is a quotation or passage from the book that you found particularly memorable and meaningful? Why did you find it memorable and meaningful?

\*\*\*If you bring a copy of the book you selected on the first day of class, you will receive extra credit points.

If you would like to order your book from AKJ Books online, you will receive a 5% discount and free shipping! Go to: <http://akjbookclub.net>

We hope you have a great summer, and we look forward to getting to know you next year.

Sincerely,  
The English 9 Team

## A Few Suggestions

- *Amazing Grace* by Eric Metaxas
  - (ISBN: 978-06-117300-4)
- *American Chica, Two Worlds, one Childhood* by Marie Arana
  - (ISBN: 0-385-31963-0)
- *Beckham, Both Feet on the Ground: An Autobiography*
  - (ISBN 13: 978-0-06-057094-1)
  - (ISBN 10: 0-06-057094-6)
- *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet
  - (ISBN 13: 978-1-4165-3507-2)
  - (ISBN 10: 1-4165-3507-1)
- *Daughter of Persia* by Sattareh Farman Farmaian
  - (ISBN: 0-307-33974-2)
- *God Grew Tired of Us* by John Bul Dau
  - (ISBN: 978-1-4262-0114-1)
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
  - (ISBN: 0-553-38001-X)
- *Marie Antoinette* by Antonia Fraser
  - (ISBN: 0-385-48949-8)
- *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolf
  - (ISBN: 0-8021-3668-0)