**YWCPA Summer Reading Assignment**

**Pre-AP English II**

* I would use Google Slides or PowerPoint to make the booklet.

This summer’s media will be crowded with extraordinary stories of superheroes, galaxy-flying scoundrels, prehistoric beasts and monsters of legend. However, this assignment aims to remind you that inspiration can be found anywhere, especially in the stories of extraordinary, ***real***, people. So, first, you are to choose a *memoir* (pronounced “MEM-war”) — an autobiographical story in which the author describes events from his or her life and the lessons he or she learned from them. Memoir is a fascinating genre, because ***anyone*** can write a memoir: athletes, actors, musicians, artists, dancers, activists, scientists, online content creators (i.e. YouTubers), and many more. Below is provided a list of popular and powerful memoirs, but feel free to choose any memoir that interests you. During and/or after your reading, complete the assignment below.

**Figurative Language Booklet:** Create a booklet that outlines your top **ten** favorite lines from the book that contain figurative language (i.e. simile, metaphor, personification, imagery, hyperbole, allusion, etc.).

Each page will feature a new line, image, and a brief explanation of what it means. Each page must contain:

* The line from the text that contains figurative language
* Visual picture that illustrates the figurative element: hand-drawn (use color!), cut from a magazine, or found electronically
* Identification (label it!) of the literary device used (i.e. personification, imagery, metaphor, simile, etc.)
* 2-4 sentence explanation of the **effect** this language choice has on the reader (what does it **do** for us?)

**Some Memoir Suggestions**

*Becoming* – Michelle Obama

*Born a Crime* – Trevor Noah

*You’re Never Weird on the Internet* – Felicia Day

*When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir* – Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele

*Single State of Mind* – Andi Dorfman

*Yes Please* – Amy Poehler

*Bossypants* – Tina Fey

*A Place to Stand* – Jimmy Santiago Baca

*Why Soccer Matters* – Pelé and Brian Winter

*My Life* –Magic Johnson

*Silent Gesture* – Tommie Smith and David Steele

*On the Line* – Serena Williams and Daniel Paisner

*Breaking the Surface* – Greg Louganis and Eric Marcus

*Jesse* – Jesse Owens and Paul Neimark

*Off Balance* – Dominique Moceanu and Teri Williams

*In the Water They Can’t See You Cry* – Amanda Beard and Rebecca Paley

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