

# **English 7 – Independent Novel Study: Non-Fiction**

## **Purpose**


In this independent novel study, you will read a **non-fiction book of your choice** and explore its ideas and real-world significance. You will practice critical reading, reflection, and clear communication throughout this independent novel study; with a presentation coming at the end.

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## **Book Selection:**

Choose a **non-fiction book** that:

- Is **age-appropriate** and **approved** by your teacher
- Is at least **250 pages** (or appropriate length after a discussion with Mr. Beaton)
- Focuses on a **real topic** (biography, history, science, social issues, memoir, psychology, etc.)

 *Submit your book choice for approval before starting.*

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## **Presentation Dates (Due Dates):**

- The week of **Monday, March 23rd – Friday, March 27th**
- Presentations should be **between 7-10** minutes in length.
- There will be a sign-up sheet available at the **end of February** to determine the order of the presentations.

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## Required Components:

### 1. Reading Log / Journal

Complete **3 entries** during your reading. Each entry should include:

- A brief summary of what you read
- A personal reflection (reaction, connection, or question)
- One meaningful quote with explanation

***\*\*These 3 entries will be submitted along with your INS Presentation\*\****

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### 2. Non-Fiction Analysis

Answer the following questions:

- What is the **main purpose** of the book? (to inform, persuade, expose, explain, etc.)
- What is the **central idea or argument** of the book?
- What **evidence** does the author use to support their ideas?
- Is the information presented **credible and convincing**? Why or why not?

***\*\*All of these items will be included in your INS Presentation***

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### 3. Author Study

- Who is the author, and what makes them qualified to write this book?
- How does the author's background influence the content or perspective?
- Does the author show any bias? Explain.

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## 4. Personal Response

Reflect on your experience reading this book:

- What did you learn that surprised you?
- How did this book change or challenge your thinking?
- Who would benefit from reading this book, and why?

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## 5. Final Product (Choose ONE)

Demonstrate your understanding using one of the following:

- Visual presentation (Google Slides, Canva, etc.)
- Recorded Video (A.I. is NOT permitted)

**\*\*All projects must clearly explain the book's *key ideas* and your *personal analysis*.**

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## Assessment Criteria:

You will be evaluated on:

- Understanding of the text
- Depth of analysis and reflection
- Use of evidence from the book
- Organization and clarity
- Effort and completion