

**AP English III Summer Reading Assignment
2021-2022**

Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption – Laura Hillenbrand

Directions:

- **Assignment must be typed.**
- Must have MLA Heading
 - Your Name
 - The Name of Your Sophomore Teacher
 - AP English III
 - Date (day/month/year)
- The following questions and your responses are to be typed in MLA format and handed in the first day of class. Each answer should be a complete paragraph (5+ sentences) **with textual evidence to support your answers.**
- Students who copy and paste their responses will not receive credit. Make sure your rhetoric is original with cited support. Citation: at the end of the sentence place (p. #).

Questions:

1. Zamperini's life experiences are almost autonomous: None of us will be in a plane crash, attacked by sharks, stranded in a rubber raft or held as a POW. Yet, we would consider Zamperini's experiences as "inspiring." What about these experiences make him so inspirational to people who will never endure these trials? What are the lessons that his life offers to all of us?
2. What emotions did you feel for Mac? Sympathy? Anger? Place yourself in the castaway situation. In a place where very few men would survive, would you have reacted like Mac? Does Mac redeem himself?
3. After the war, Zamperini would say that of all the horrors he witnessed and experienced in the war, the death of the little duck, Gage, was the worst. Why was this event especially wrenching for him and the other POWs?
4. In the novel, under the "kill-all order," the Japanese planned to murder all POWs. This plan never materialized because of the dropping of the atomic bombs. The novel explores the lengths to which the Japanese had prepared to avoid surrender. After reading, what is your opinion concerning the use of the atomic bomb on Japan?
5. Watch the movie *Unbroken* (it is quite different from the book). After viewing, draw a Venn Diagram and compare the book to the movie. This question is not to be answered in paragraph form. No need for citation due to the movie.

This Summer Reading Assignment Will Be Your First Mastery Grade

If you have questions over the summer, **join the Summer AP Google Classroom**. It is a great way to ask questions and receive assistance. **Code: lom3dir**

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