



12th AP Grade Summer Reading and Questions:

Please Read:

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua

And one of the following (your choice):

Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser

Alone Together by Sherry Turkle

Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl (you may skip Book II –
Logotherapy in a Nutshell)

We ask that students please have their own copies of the books, and not use the library, so that they can have a book to use (and annotate) in class.

AP Twelfth Summer Reading Questions

Tiger Mom:

1. Chua classifies herself as an unreliable narrator. Where do you see instances of her unreliability? Does this detract from the message of the work or reinforce her humanity and, as such, her point?
2. To what degree do you agree/disagree with Chua's choices as a mother?
3. How does Chua define success? Does this correspond with your own definition?
4. To what degree can you attribute Chua's daughters' success to nature and to what degree to nurture?
5. Cite some of Chua's specific criticisms of Western culture. Do you agree or disagree?
6. Chua asserts that "nothing is fun until you're good at it." Do you agree?
7. What constitutes a successful argument? Do you feel that Chua's memoir is a successful argument in favor of her philosophy?