Extra Credit Reading List

Here’s how extra credit will work. For a book report - One introduction paragraph that includes the book title, the author, why the book was written and a short summary.

Three paragraphs, each supported by one quote from the book, that discuss a particular biological concept. Cite the page of text the quote comes from.

One paragraph conclusion on whether or not you would recommend the book and why.

Summary of a video, which must be at least 50 minutes long: two page (or more) summary of the entire video (don’t stop summary at two pages.

Note – While all books listed are considered noteworthy, some books listed may include language or scenes that some individuals may find objectionable. Neither St. Johns County nor PVHS can endorse the content of any of these books. If you are reading and come to a passage you find objectionable, put the book down and choose another.

9th Grade Honors Biology List:

First Quarter

Double Helix                   Nancy Werlin
My Sister’s Keeper           Jodi Picoult
Gifted Hands                 Ben Carson
The Man Who Planted Trees    Jean Giono

Second Quarter

Human Wildlife, The Life That Lives On Us    Dr. Robert Buchanan
Raptor Red                     Robert Bakker
Mountains Beyond Mountains    Tracy Kidder
Surviving the Extremes: A Doctor’s Journey To the Limits of Human Endurance        Kenneth Hamlin

Third Quarter

Darwin’s Radio                 Greg Baer
Sandstorm                      James Rollins
Parasite Rex                   Carl Zimmer
Black Apollo of Science: The Life of Earnest Everett Just        Kenneth Manning
Fourth Quarter
Prodigal Summer  Barbara Kingsolver
The Cobra Event  Richard Preston
Demon in the Freezer  Richard Preston
Uncle Tungsten – Memories of a Chemical Boyhood  Oliver Sacks

11th/12th Grade AP Biology List: First Semester
When Breath Becomes Air  Paul Kalanithi
Genome  Matt Ridley
Next  Michael Crichton
Chromosome 6  Robin Cook
Complications: A Surgeon’s Notes On An Imperfect Science  Atul Gawande
The Fourth Horseman  Andrew Nikiforuk
Fast Food Nation  Eric Schlosser
Island of the Colorblind  Oliver Sachs

11th/12th Grade AP Biology List: Second Semester
A Distant Mirror  Barbara Tuchman
Body’s Edge: Our Cultural Obsession With Skin  Marc Lappe
Dead Men Do Tell Tales  William Maples
Deadly Feasts  Richard Rhodes
The Making of the Fittest  Sean Carroll
Omnivores Dilemma  Michael Pollan
Serengeti Rules  Sean Carroll
Endless Forms Most Beautiful  Sean Carroll
Your Inner Fish  Neil Shubin
When the Air Hits Your Brain: Tales of Neurosurgery  Frank Vertosik