

Summer Reading for 11th Grade AP English Language and Composition

1. Watch *Unbroken*, the film based on Louis Zamperini's life
2. Read *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
3. Write an argumentative essay responding to the following prompt:

“If you are lucky enough to never experience any sort of adversity, we will not know how resilient you are. It is only when you are faced with obstacles, stress, and other environmental threats that resilience, or the lack of it, emerges: Do you succumb or do you surmount?” - Maria Konnikova

Consider this quotation about adversity from Russian-American writer Maria Konnikova. Then write an argumentative essay that defends or challenges Konnikova's assertion about the role that adversity plays in developing a person's character. Support your argument with appropriate evidence from *Unbroken*, *Born a Crime*, and personal experience.

Requirements:

- Must be typed
- Times New Roman
- Font size: 12
- Spacing: single space within paragraph and double space between paragraphs
- MLA citation (<https://owl.purdue.edu>) for in-text parenthetical citations

* This assignment is mandatory and will be graded. It is due the first day of class.