

**English III Honors  
Summer Book File—Non-Fiction**

*You will analyze this non-fiction book using a little different format than the novels you are reading this summer. All of this file must be done in complete sentence and each question must be answered as thoroughly as possible. This analysis will be typed in 12 point Arial or Times New Roman just as the others and the analysis must include all of the following numbered items and be kept in order. This book file along with the others will be turned in on the first day of school, August 10.*

**Title**

**Author**

**1. Author's life and times:**

- a. What is going on in the Social Climate during this author's formative years?
- b. What was the political climate like?
- c. What were the major philosophical attitudes during this author's lifetime?

**2. Theme and impact of the novel**

What insight into society or human nature does this book offer? What message is the author trying to relate?

**3. Book structure**

- a. How is the book put together?
- b. What is the tone? Does it change?
- c. How does the structure enhance the theme?

**4. Characters**

Focus on the main characters/author and any minor characters that manage to have a huge impact on the main character/author. Describe them as completely as possible.

**5. Quotations**

- a. Choose four short quotes of not more than three lines each and directly relate them to the theme of the book. Be sure to include enough background information about when, what, who, where and why so you can introduce the quote into your timed AP exam. These quotes will need to be memorized.

**6. Settings**

- a. How is the setting important to this non-fiction piece.

**7. Summary**

- a. Explain the three most important things that you learned from this book. In detail, explain why you choose them.