

## ACA SUMMER READING

### 9th-10th Grade

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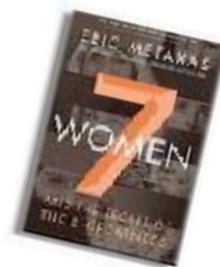
#### Required Selection

Boys will read: *Seven Men: And the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas

Girls will read: *Seven Women: And the Secret of Their Greatness* by Eric Metaxas

What makes a great man or woman great? *Seven Men* and *Seven Women* offer answers in the captivating stories of some of the greatest men and women who have ever lived. In this gallery of greatness, seven historical figures come to life as real people who experienced struggles and challenges that probably would have destroyed the resolve of most other men and women.

**You are not required to purchase your own copy so long as you are able to read the full text before the due date.** The document includes the assignments you will need to complete alongside the summer reading. We encourage you to start your freshman or sophomore year off strong!



#### 2-Part Writing Assignment

##### PART 1: Reading Journal/Bulleted Summaries

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*Reading journals are an effective way of taking notes while you are reading to help with comprehension and personal reflections of what is read.*

- While reading, take detailed, reading notes on each chapter. The notes will be required to be typed in bulleted form for submission (it will be like a summary of the chapter).
- Each chapter should have a minimum of 10 bullet points that summarize that chapter in your **own words**.
- Keep in mind that **these bulleted summaries will be checked for plagiarism** and will be compared against everything on the internet and any other submission from other students that I receive. I would advise you to avoid “collaborating” with peers at all costs. Assignments with plagiarism will earn a 0%.

##### PART 2: Personal Reflection

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- In a typed two-page essay, you will write a self- reflection on how you connect with each chapter including a quote that was powerful to you from the chapter. What does this quote reveal to you? What do you take away as a valuable lesson from this chapter (think a paragraph per chapter)? Then end the essay with what did you take away from the whole book. What do you think was the author’s purpose in writing this book?
- Remember , just because you are writing something personal does not mean that you can write casually. This needs to be formal, well thought out , and carefully crafted.
- Please adhere to proper MLA formatting (double spaced, Times New Roman 12 point font, etc.) and cite any quotes that you choose to use as evidence correctly. I recommend using Purdue’s Online Writing Lab for guidance.

#### Due Date & Expectations

You must finish reading the book and turn in writing assignments by the second day of school (Wednesday, August 15th). This will be your first test grade for the quarter. Also, keep in mind this is the first example of your work that I will see this school year. It needs to be a reflection of your work ethic and ability. In essence, you are writing to show me that you read and understood the author’s purpose in writing the book.