Select a **non-fiction book** on a current issue to read by November 12. This will form the foundation for a documented essay. Select a topic that interests you and for which you will read one book and several articles.

You may start by selecting a topic – there is an extensive list on the class website – and then finding a book on that topic, or you may select one of the suggested books.

**Possible titles include:**

**Health, environmental sustainability & National food polities/laws**
- *In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto*, Michael Pollan
- *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal*, Eric Schlosser (2001)
- *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*, Barbara Kingsolver
- *Chew on This: Everything You Don’t Want to Know About Fast Food*, Eric Schlosser & Charles Wilson, 2006

**Environment, Global Warming, Sustainability**
- *Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis*, Al Gore (2009)
- *The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth*, Tim F. Flannery
- *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-First Century*, Thomas L. Friedman (2007)
- *The Big Necessity: The Unmentionable World of Human Waste and Why it Matters*, Rose George
- *Boiling Point: How Politicians, Big Oil and Coal, Journalists, and Activists Have Fueled the Climate Crisis - And What We Can Do to Avert Disaster*, Ross Gelbspan (2005)
- *The Weather Makers*, Time Flannery

**Working and Poor**
- *Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of the American Dream*, Barbara Ehrenreich, 2005

**Education – Policy & Equality**
- *City Schools and the American Dream*, Pedro Noguera, 2003

**Immigration Policy**
- *Enrique’s Journey*, Sonia Nazario
- *The Devil’s Highway: A True Story*, Luis Alberto Urrea
- *The Middle of Everywhere: Helping Refugees Enter The American Community*, Mary Bray Pipher

**Marketing, Consumerism, Modern Society**
- *Born to Buy*, Juliet B. Schor, 2004
- *Reviving Ophelia: Saving the Selves of Adolescent Girls*, Mary Bray Pipher
Damned Lies and Statistics, Joel Best
The Shallows: What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains, Nicholas Carr

Medical Care, Drug Policies
Overdosed America, John Abramson
Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World, Tracy Kidder, 2004
Unplugged: Reclaiming Our Right to Die in America, William H. Colby

American Foreign Policy
Three Cups of Tea, Greg Mortenson &  Relin, 2007
Terror in the Name of God, Jessica Stern

U.S. Business Policies
The Wal-Mart Effect, Charles Fishman, 2006

U.S. Politics, Two-Party System, Financial Policies
Twilight of the Elites: America After Meritocracy, Christopher Hayes
Voice of Reason: Why the Left and Right Are Wrong, Ronn Owens, 1989
Denialism, Michael Specter

Prison System
Dispatches from Juvenile Hall Fixing a Failing System, John Aarons, Lisa Smith, Linda Wagner, 2009
Getting Away With Murder, Raoul Felder & Barbara Victor

You may choose other titles, to be approved by Ms. Lockwood.