Directions: Select ONE of the following texts for Part 2 of your Summer Assignment. Both ebooks or hard copies are acceptable. Make sure you have parent approval on your selection.


Casey travels across the world and into the past to confront the largest waves the oceans have to offer; including rogue waves south of Africa, storm-born giants near Hawaii, and the biggest wave ever recorded, a 1,740 foot-high wall of wave that blasted the Alaska coastline in 1958. Casey follows big-wave surfers in their attempts to tackle monsters waves and also


Soccer is much more than a game, or even a way of life. It is a perfect window into the cross-currents of today’s world, with all its joys and…sorrows…a wide-ranging work of reportage…a surprising tour through the world of soccer, shining a spotlight on the clash of civilizations, the international economy, and just about everything in between…an utterly original book that makes sense of our troubled times.


Gladwell’s best seller explains why “the self-made man” is a myth and what truly lies behind the success of the best people in their field, which is often a series of lucky events, rare opportunities and other external factors, which are out of our control.


In April 1992 a young man from a well-to-do family hitchhiked to Alaska and walked alone into the wilderness north of Mt. McKinley. He had given $25,000 in savings to charity, abandoned his car and most of his possessions, burned all the cash in his wallet, and invented a new life for himself. Four months later, his decomposed body was found by a moose hunter. How Christopher Johnson McCandless came to die is the unforgettable story of *Into the Wild*.

Markham, Beryl. *West With the Night* (1942).

Moving memoir of early 20th Century woman aviator in East Africa. Markham became the first person to fly nonstop from Europe to America, the first woman to fly solo east to west across the Atlantic. Her life was indisputably a life full of adventure and beauty.


Henrietta Lacks, a poor African American, died from cancer in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, known as HeLa cells, gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio. Skloot became interested in Lacks after a biology teacher referenced her, but knew little about her. Skloot began conducting extensive research on her and worked with Lacks' family to create the book.