

2023/2024 AP English Language (11th) Summer Reading Assignment-- Park

I. Read *The Red Bandana: A Life. A Choice. A Legacy* by Tim Rinaldi. (ISBN-10 : 0143130072; ISBN-13:978-0802139252). You may purchase online or from most any bookstore. As you read, annotate the text— marking descriptive character traits, figurative language, interesting details, etc. Annotations will prove beneficial in the first few weeks.

II. The focus of this biography is Welles Crowther—a coming-of-age young man who searches for his own identity. The author uses many anecdotes, or short stories from Welles' life, in order to illustrate what a hero can look like. Analyze 2-3 anecdotal stories from the book that display the growth of the main character. How do the small moments of Welles' life lead to his heroic act on September 11th?

III. Write a 5 paragraph essay, 12 point, double spaced, MLA format that answers the prompt: In what ways does Welles Crowther grow to become a hero?