

2025-26 Academic Pentathlon Literature Resource Guide Outline

Section I. Critical Reading.....7%

Section II. A Brief Historical Overview of the Jazz

Age.....4%

- A. Introduction
- B. Postwar American Economic Prosperity
- C. Urbanization, the Great Migration, and the Growth of the American City
- D. Suffrage, Women's Rights and New Roles for Women
- E. Jazz, Blues, and Harlem Renaissance

Section III. Born To Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America by Steve

Sheinkin.....43%

- A. Born to Fly: The First Women's Air Race Across America and the Theme of "The Jazz Age"
- B. Overview of Steve Sheinkin's Life and Work
- C. Key Historical Figures
- D. Section II Overview

Section IV. Shorter Selections.....46%

- A. Selected Works: Booker T. Washington Up from Slavery "The Struggle for an Education" published in The Upward Path—A Reader for Colored Children, 1920 by Harcourt, Brace and Howe (Originally published in 1901)
- B. Introduction to Booker T. Washington
- C. Overview
- D. Summary and Analysis
- E. Selected Work: William Holtzclaw "Booker T. Washington—A Student's Memory of Him" published in The Upward Path—A Reader for Colored Children, 1920 by Harcourt, Brace and Howe
- F. Introduction to William Holtzclaw
- G. Overview
- H. Summary and Analysis
- I. Selected Work: TED Talk, "The Great Migration and the power of a single decision" by Isabel Wilkerson, November 2017
- J. Introduction to Isabel Wilkerson
- K. Overview
- L. Summary and Analysis
- M. Short Story

- N. Selected Work: F. Scott Fitzgerald "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
(published 1922, in Tales of the Jazz Age)
- O. Introduction to F. Scott Fitzgerald
- P. Overview
- Q. Summary and Analysis
- R. Poetry
- S. Selected Work: : Langston Hughes "Mother to Son" (published 1922, in the
December issue of The Crisis)
- T. Overview
- U. Summary and Analysis
- V. Selected Work: Langston Hughes "I, Too" (published 1926 in The Weary Blues,
Alfred A. Knopf)
- W. Overview
- X. Summary and Analysis
- Y. Selected Work: Langston Hughes "The Weary Blues" (published 1926 in The
Weary Blues, Alfred A. Knopf)
- Z. Overview
- AA. Summary and Analysis
- BB. Selected Work: Langston Hughes "Homesick Blues" published 1927, in Caroling
Dusk (Harper & Brothers, 1927), edited by Countee Cullen
- CC. Overview
- DD. Summary and Analysis