

## Twelfth Grade AP Language and Composition

You must get the editions listed below!

**Eric Schlosser. *Fast Food Nation*** ISBN 0060838582 (Harper Perennial)

**Bill Bryson. *The Lost Continent*** ISBN 0060920084 (Harper Perennial)

All students must complete sections A and B

- A. In an interview, Schlosser said of the fast food industry, "In the early days, I think the industry embodied some of the best things about this country. It was started by high school drop-outs who had little training, by entrepreneurs who made it big by working hard. Guys like the McDonald brothers didn't rely on focus groups, marketing surveys, or management consultants with MBAs. They just set up their grills and started cooking. It's ironic that what they created turned into such a symbol of faceless, ruthless corporate power. It's a very American story, both good and bad."

In a 3-4 pg essay address the validity of Schlosser's last sentence. Use partial quotations to support your argument. This essay is due the first day of class.

- B. *The Lost Continent* could be classified as travelogue, personal narrative, or social commentary. In which genre (or combination of genres) is the book most successful? Email your response to this topic by July 20. Your comments should be sent as an attachment and in the email itself (in case we can't open the attachment). Your response may not be longer than 2 pages.

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### Supplementary Reading List

English teachers will have details of the extra credit available for these titles at the start of school.

(no more than 2 books can receive extra credit)

*House*, Tracy Kidder

*In the Heart of the Sea*, Philbrick

*River Horse*, Heat-Moon

*The Devil in the White City*, Larson

### Recommended Films:

*This is Spinal Tap*

*Super Size Me*

*Apocalypse Now*

*The Shape of Things*