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The best preparation for college, and for the SAT & ACT Reading tests is -- no mystery -- reading! Practice reading and evaluating a variety of material. As a sophomore / junior, you have lots of time to practice **building up your reading muscle!**

**Read a quality magazine article** every week, and discuss with parents, grandparents, or anyone available to you-- including me if you wish -- from a variety of topics, including literature, science, technology, politics, arts, history, nature, business, environment, current events. Find online articles, buy an occasional print version (Bay Books is good source). Or get them on your phone. There is a news app on iPhones and you can subscribe to a lot of the following for free:

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Of course there are plenty of others -- the important point is to READ a variety of offerings, and practice critically evaluating them. This is how to build your mental muscle for reading passages.

**Movie Reviews: Not Rotten Tomatoes; look for these online because they present rich vocabulary and critical analysis!**

Richard Corliss (online though deceased): <http://time.com/3833969/richard-corliss-movie-reviews/>

Dana Stevens Slate, Peter Travers *Rolling Stone*, *The New Yorker*, *New York* magazine, A.O. Scott *New York Times*, *Roger Ebert* (online, although deceased)

**Wonderful place to find books to read:** <https://www.goodreads.com/>

Read summaries and reviews, create your own reviews, search for books you might like.

The following list of books is in no particular order. Some I have read, some were recommended by students. Look them up on **Goodreads** to see if any interest to you:

The Book Thief *by Markus Zusak*  
The Fault in Our Stars *by John Green*  
Looking for Alaska *by John Green*  
The Joy Luck Club *by Amy Tan*  
A Separate Peace *by John Knowles*  
Night *by Elie Wiesel*  
The Color Purple *by Alice Walker*  
The Hobbit *by J. R. R. Tolkien*  
The Lord of the Rings  
*by J. R. R. Tolkien*  
The Giver (series) *by Lois Lowry*  
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy  
*by Douglas Adams*  
The Outsiders *by S. E. Hinton*  
The Perks of Being a Wallflower  
*by Stephen Chbosky*  
Divergent (Series) *by Veronica Roth*

Flowers for Algernon *by Daniel Keyes*  
Tuck Everlasting *by Natalie Babbitt*  
The Glass Castle *by Jeannette Walls*  
These is My Words *by Nancy Turner*  
The Language of Flowers  
*by Vanessa Diffenbaugh*  
The Kitchen House *by Kathleen Grissom*  
Defending Jacob *by William Landay*  
Plainsong *by Kent Haruf*  
Boys in the Boat *by Daniel James Brown*  
Life of Pi *by Yann Martel*  
All Quiet on the Western Front *by*  
*Erich M. Remarqu*  
How We Decide *by Jonah Lehrer*  
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the  
Nighttime *by Mark Haddon*  
Steve Jobs (biography) *by Walter Isaacson*

**And -- if you want to talk about a book, let me know-- I love to discuss books! Mrs. Lemei**