

English 12 Summer Reading Assignment

All students entering senior year in the fall who are taking senior English elective classes (not 12 AP) are required to read Bill Bryson's *A Walk in the Woods*, a humorous memoir about his adventures hiking the 2,100 mile Appalachian Trail that stretches from Georgia to Maine. Students must complete the following assignment.

- As you read, keep the idea of the journey in mind. *A Walk in the Woods* is a story of more than a geographical journey—it is also an emotional, spiritual, psychological, and intellectual journey.
- Record your thoughts as you read the book, paying particular attention to the many different journeys that Bryson relates in this enjoyable memoir.
- You will be able to use your *handwritten* notes to write an in-class essay the week you return to school.

Books are available at local bookstores and libraries as well as through on-line merchants.