

**SUMMER READING COURSE LINK
REQUIRED TITLES**

COURSE TITLE	Advanced Placement English Language
GRADE	11
TITLE	<i>The Road from Coorain</i>
AUTHOR	Jill Ker Conway
GENRE	Autobiography

DESCRIPTION

The first female president of Smith College, Jill Ker Conway was born and raised on an Australian "station" or ranch. Raised with a "bush ethos," she overcame the constraints against women in the first half of the twentieth century.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE

Students may be asked to complete an in-class timed write on this memoir during the first two weeks of class for a test grade. Thus, you may want to consider annotating the memoir.

In your annotations, consider your selected memoir as a "coming of age" story like *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *To Kill a Mockingbird* or *Catcher in the Rye*. Draw comparisons to Huck or other young protagonists as part of your annotation. Consider the universality of the memoirist's experiences, the obstacles she overcomes, and the life lessons she both learns and imparts to readers.

READ WEB RESOURCES FOR THIS BOOK AT

Review the material on this book at

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/masterpiece/coorain/tg_teaching.html