

## US II Honors Summer Assignment 2023

Read [\*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption\*](#), by Laura Hillenbrand.

Louis Zamperini lived through some of the most tumultuous decades in American history. While his survival was astounding, his experiences were part of the American experience. Then, write a five paragraph essay that responds to the following prompt.

**Prompt:** Explain how Louis Zamperini's life experiences **illustrate what it means to be an American**. You should choose three decades (1930s, 1940s, 1950s, 1960s, 1990s) in which he lived to support your thesis.

This is an easy essay to organize:

- Introduction: about Zamperini's life story, with thesis that lists the three specific decades you think were the most important to show how his life is an example of what it means to be an American
- A paragraph that profiles each decade you choose to concentrate on that includes specific examples of Louie Zamparani's many experiences, *how his experiences characterize what it means to be an American*. Be sure to use MULTIPLE examples of his life experience in EACH decade you choose to talk about.
- Conclusion: includes your definition of what it means to be an American and an opinion on the book itself. In your closing paragraph you can include your opinion about the book without using "I."

This will be due in class in the first week of September and please note that you will be asked to submit the essay to Turnitin.com.