

11th grade Summer Reading Assignments

This summer you will select two books from the Pulitzer Prize List. Students enrolled in AP English will need to choose a third book to read. Please select a novel from the list posted on their website, www.pulitzer.org/awards. Throughout the summer you will be working on an essay that we will complete in class that incorporates each of your summer assignments. You will be required to respond via e-mail to certain questions regarding your reading. Your responses will be graded and will serve as the basis for each in-class essay over your summer assignment. All written responses will be delivered to me via e-mail at lelaine.smith@yahoo.com no later than 11:59pm. All responses must be in a Word document, 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced, 1" margins around, and saved as "LAST NAME_assignment_1.doc (.docx or .rtf). Also, know your word processing system; if you are using Microsoft works or notepad, you must save your document as an .rtf file in order for me to access your work. Failure to do so will result in a zero.

- To complete some assignments (and submit them) you will need access to the internet.

Due May 29th – e-mail me your first book selection. Please include the reason why you choose this book.

June 5th – Last day to change books. If you change your selection you must e-mail me the new title, why you are changing, and the reason you are choosing the new book.

June 12th – Locate two historical events that were occurring at the time the book was written and explain how these events affected the author's writing in a 1-2 paragraph answer.

Due June 26th – E-mail me an outline of your first book and using the internet locate two articles, news stories, or reports for your first book supporting the author’s interpretation. Send me a brief summary of each article and tell me why you do or do not agree with the writers opinions of the book.

July 3rd – E-mail me your second book selection. Please include the reason you are choosing this book.

July 10th – Last day to change your second book selection. Please e-mail me why you are changing books, and the reason you are choosing the new book.

July 17th - Locate two historical events that were occurring at the time the book was written and explain how these events affected the author’s writing in a 1-2 paragraph answer.

Due July 31st – E-mail me an outline for your second book and using the internet locate two articles, news stories, or reports for your second book supporting the author’s interpretation. Send me a brief summary of each article and tell me why you do or do not agree with the writers opinions of the books. AP students will need to e-mail me the title of the third book they will be reading.

Due the first day of school – Bring your original responses and your “work’s cited”. AP students will need to bring an outline for their third book and using the internet locate two articles, news stories, or reports for your second book supporting the author’s interpretation; bring a brief summary of each article and tell me why you do or do not agree with the writers opinions of the books.

Notes:

- .edu and .org are the best sites to use.
- Wikipedia is not an acceptable resource.
- Visit the OWL (online writing lab) <http://owl.english.purdue.edu> for help with your writing and also on how to do a works cited in MLA format.
- **Plagiarism will not be tolerated.**
- If you have any questions at anytime during the summer let me know as soon as possible so that I can help you before it becomes a problem.