

EXTRA CREDIT

Multigenre Summer Reading Selection

TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

All incoming **sophomores** may read a novel that is

- about a culture or community that is not your own,
- at least 150 pages, and
- at appropriate high school reading and content level.

Identify your culture and your community. Now find a novel that explores a culture and community ***other than your own***. Please avoid fantasy and science fiction novels for this particular assignment; you should be learning about a different culture that is actually (or has previously been) in our world.

All incoming **juniors** may read a novel that is

- written by an **American Author**,
- at least 200 pages, and
- at appropriate high school reading and content level.

Please choose a book that gives you a new insight into **American** history, culture, perspectives and literature. Consider classic American literature.

All incoming **seniors** read a novel that is

- by an author from the **British Isles**,
- at least 200 pages, and
- at appropriate high school reading and content level.

Please choose a **British** novel that is interesting and has high quality literary merit; your book should give you new insight into relationships and society and/or introduce you to a new way of looking at the world. Consider classic British literature.

EXTRA CREDIT Reading Project

This assignment will give you a chance to apply English core concepts to your EXTRA CREDIT summer reading by asking you to

- determine the theme or central idea of your summer reading (RL.2) and
- compare the novel's representation of the theme to another representation of this theme in another medium (RL.7), i.e. a song or music video, a movie, a picture, a poem, etc. In other words, how is the same theme being dealt with in two different mediums (the novel and the medium of your choice)--how is it the same? How is it different?

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Summer Reading Project CHECK List

- Pick a novel.
- Read the novel.
- Decide what you think the main message/theme of the novel is.
- Select a song or music video, a movie, a picture, a poem, etc. that you feel emphasizes that same theme
- *Create a website (consider Weebly, Google Sites, Wordpress, etc.) that showcases your analysis of your chosen novel. You must include at least three sections:
 - a summary of the plot
 - a discussion of main message / theme of the novel, and
 - a discussion of how the theme of the selected song, music video, movie, picture, poem, etc. compares and/or contrasts with your selected novel's theme.
 - Each section should be about 1-2 paragraphs long and you are encouraged to include images.

* Instructions on how to create a Weebly can be found on the Weebly website.

Extra Credit Points Earned will be determined by how well the instructions were followed, by the appropriateness of the chosen novel, the reading level of the chosen novel, by the sophistication of the website, and by the depth and quality of analysis.