**English III Honors**

**Independent Reading Assignment 1**

Due Friday, August 21, 2015 at the START of class

Every quarter, in addition to the class novel, you will be reading a novel independently. For the first quarter this full length novel must be fiction and it must be written by one of the American listed below.

* Sherman Alexie
* Julia Alvarez
* T.C. Boyle
* Willa Cather
* Jack London
* Jeffery Eugenides
* William Faulkner
* Neil Gaiman (he’s American now)
* Ernest Hemingway
* John Irving
* Barbara Kingslover
* Carson McCullers
* Toni Morrison
* Chuck Palahniuk
* John Steinbeck
* Amy Tan
* Kurt Vonnegut
* Edith Wharton

A few hints and suggestions:

* You will NOT be allowed to change once you have selected a novel, so choose wisely.
* You will have WEEKLY assignments which will be graded, as well as a larger project with this novel, so CHOOSE WISELY.
* This is your choice. If it’s boring or you don’t like it, find a mirror and some alone time and complain to yourself, or better yet, CHOOSE WISELY!
* DON’T PUT THIS OFF! CHOOSE WISELY!!!

Every Friday for the next seven weeks you will be submitting assignments to Turnitin.com. I STRONGLY advise you not try to read a few hundred pages in one night.

You should be finished with your novel by October 2nd, and will have two weeks to complete the project for this novel.

You may work ahead if you wish, but I ask that you turn in each week’s work on the specific day it is due so there is no confusion.

I will only accept late work as the result of an excused absence. Please don’t shout out to the class that you forgot it at home. That’s a personal issue and should be treated as such.

Copies of the assignment will be available on the Edmodo site for you to print. If you cannot print, you may simply handwrite the assignment out, being sure to label the assignment.

**You should always have a copy of your novel with you in class**. If it is on your phone/tablet/e-reader, you will be able to use it for reading ONLY. The first time you are caught doing anything other than reading with it during the designated times, you will lose the privilege and will have to have a paper copy for in class reading times.

**Assignment 1**

Complete this sheet and turn it in on Friday, August 21st. You will receive an additional 10 points if you have a copy of the novel with you at this time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Copyright date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Genre (circle one)**

Science Fiction Fantasy Realistic fiction Historical Fiction

Mystery Adventure Thriller

**Total number of pages in the book \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Designate what page you will reach by the end of the week**.

* Divide the number of pages in the book by six, the leaf ahead/behind to find the nearest chapter break and note the page number. Each weekly assignment will be over the pages you have designated.

Week 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 2 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 3 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 4\_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Week 6 \_\_\_\_\_\_

**Why did you choose this book?**

\_\_\_\_\_Liked cover \_\_\_\_\_ Interesting title \_\_\_\_\_Read others by same author

\_\_\_\_\_Genre \_\_\_\_\_Recommended by a friend \_\_\_\_\_Recommended by an adult

\_\_\_\_\_Other: Explain\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**How do you think this book fits with your reading abilities?**

\_\_\_\_\_Easy to read \_\_\_\_\_Just right \_\_\_\_\_A challenge!

Explain your choice:

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**Before you can begin the next assignment, you must get this book approved. Once it is approved, do not lose this form; it must be turned in with the final assignment.**

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