

Independent Reading Project and Reading Groups

In hope of encouraging an enjoyment of reading, the next novel you read will be your choice! There are only two stipulations as to what book you can choose. The first one is that it needs to be a book you have not read before. Obviously, the honor system will be used to enforce this criterion. Books that are part of future class curriculums should also be avoided. Please ask if you think your choice will fall into this category. The second stipulation is that your novel must be a narrative longer than 150 pages. Please no anthologies or biographies. If you choose an international author, you will receive 10 extra credit points. After all, this is World Literature.

As you read your novel, you will periodically meet with your reading group and report back on how things are going. Reading groups will be approximately 4 people and will be chosen by the teacher. Each day your reading group meets, you will have a different topic to discuss in regards to your novel. Come prepared with a one to two paragraph analysis for that day's topic. These will be turned in for credit. The different topics, book talk dates and due dates are listed below.

Friday, November 7, 2014: Two students cannot read the same book. If there is something you really want, don't wait. (Nothing written due)

Tuesday, November 11, 2014: Explanation of why you chose your book. What caught your attention and made you want to read it? Are there any connections you can make to the book? Can you identify any connections to the real world? Are there any other similar books that you have read? (15 points)

Block Day, November 12/13, 2014: Characterization of the main character or villain. (15 points)

Block Day, November 19/20, 2014: Graphic representation of some aspect of your novel. This can be either literal or symbolic. Include a one paragraph description of your art. (15 points)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014: Plot synopsis, breakdown of conflict and recommendation of your book. **BOOK NEEDS TO BE FINISHED FOR THIS CLASS!!!!** (15 points)

Friday, December 5, 2014: Creation of final assessment. **You will be designing and completing your own final project for this book.** You will need to turn in a description of your final project and tell how it will be graded. (15 points)

Block Day, December 10/11: Final copy of project is due. No late assignments will be accepted. If you are absent, it needs to be emailed or given to a friend. (100 points)

Total Points: 185

Your book talk responses will be assessed primarily on ideas and content; however, if grammar and organizational issues become distracting, point will be deducted. **NO LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED!** (Late work due to excused absences will be accepted; final projects are due on the due date regardless of presence in class)

Choose a book that you want to read, AND READ IT!!!!