

## Stafford High School

### English II

#### 2023 Summer Reading Assignment

You will select **one** of the novels below to read and complete the assignment. You should review the entire assignment before you start reading. The assignment will be due on **Monday August 21, 2023** for a **MAJOR GRADE** for the first six weeks.

- *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
- *Crank* by Ellen Hopkins
- *Salt to the Sea* by Sepetys

The recommendation is to purchase your own copy from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Half Priced Books, or any number of other retailers, so you can annotate and have a conversation with the book. However, there are free options available. All three books can be downloaded as a pdf from the internet. You can also visit your public library to check out a copy. The SHS English Department has a selected number of copies available of all three books. *You will need to see Mrs. Robinson in A208 for this option.*

**There are four parts to the assignment and should be put together in a folder to turn in on the due date. Mrs. Robinson has manilla folders available to give if needed.**

1. You will create an image that represents the overall theme or a major symbol from the novel. This will be the cover of your assignment, and it must include the name of the novel and its author in addition to your name. This should be an original image created by you, but you are free to use your personal creative skills.
2. You will annotate an important page from the novel. Use the annotation skills you practiced last year to do the annotation. Underneath, explain why you selected this passage and how it is significant to the story.
3. You will complete a dialectical journal of a minimum of ten (10) rows (*see attached pages*).
4. You will create a blackout poem using a page or two from the novel that represents your thoughts or feelings about what you read. For information on blackout poetry, visit the following website: <https://www.weareteachers.com/blackout-poetry/>

#### **Rubric**

Image of theme or major symbol	_____ / 20
Annotation & Explanation	_____ / 25
Dialectical journal (3 points per entry)	_____ / 30
Blackout poem	_____ / 25

### Dialectical Journal

**Directions:** You will fill out 10 rows (two pages) for your chosen novel. Make sure that you use complete sentences when writing your response. If your penmanship is poor, feel free to input your information electronically.

- In the first column: Write down a direct quote from the text.
- In the second column: cite the page
- In the third column: Explain why you selected this quotation. Why is it important? What do you not understand? Of what did it make you think?

Quotation from the Text	Page Number	Response

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