

# English 1: Literary Genre

## Summer Reading Assignment 2023–2024

Read **two** books from the Choice Books list. While reading, take annotations (notes) in your books by underlining important quotes, writing comments and questions in the margins, and defining unfamiliar words.

After you read and annotate your two Choice Book selections, you will complete a One-Pager for **one** book. A One-Pager is an assignment that allows you to demonstrate your understanding and impressions of a text in a creative format. It is called a One-Pager because all of the required content should fit on one piece of paper. See specific directions and requirements below.

### DIRECTIONS:

- Complete a One-Pager for a book of your choosing.
- Write the title of the book and the author's full name.
- Choose three powerful quotes from the book and write them on your paper. Briefly explain what you believe each quote means and why each is important to the story. In choosing your quotes, consider literary elements such as plot, character, theme, symbolism, etc.
- Draw three images inspired by any three quotes in the book. Provide a caption for each image that conveys the meaning of each quote.
- A **theme** is the central message of a literary work. Choose a theme from the book and write it on your paper as a phrase or complete sentence. Explain how the theme relates to your own life. This can be done as a word cluster if you wish (Google what this is if you are unsure).
- Create a border around your paper using a word, phrase, or sentence that captures a major theme of the book.
- Define three important vocabulary words from the book. These words should be meaningfully chosen. Include a brief definition of each word and a one-sentence explanation of why these words are important in the story.
- Explain how you connect with the novel on a personal level. What will you remember about the story that can be applied to your own life?

### REQUIREMENTS:

- Your One-Pager should be completed on a standard 8.5 x 11 piece of white printer paper.
- Use only one side of the paper. This is part of the creative challenge of the assignment.
- Design and layout of content are completely up to you, but all of the content described above must be clearly included.
- There should be clear evidence of creativity in the design and layout of the content, as well as in the content itself.
- All content should reflect thought and obvious effort.
- All text should be handwritten and readable. All images should be hand-drawn (no Google images!).
- Include color to create a visually appealing product.
- Your One-Pager should be neat and professional in appearance. It should not look like it was hastily completed the night before the due date.
- Be prepared to share your One-Pager in a book discussion and gallery walk during the first full week of school. Also, be prepared to discuss and complete a project for your other choice book.

**Your One-Pager is due the first full week of school. This assignment will be your first official grade for English class in Semester 1, so please take it seriously and do your best work. If you have any questions about the directions or requirements, email Mrs. Mullen at [jmullen@vmahs.org](mailto:jmullen@vmahs.org), Ms. Arata at [carata@vmahs.org](mailto:carata@vmahs.org), or Mr. Borosky at [bborosky@vmahs.org](mailto:bborosky@vmahs.org)**

Happy Reading!