

## Honors English 2: American Literature Summer Reading Assignment 2023–2024

Choose any **three** books from the Honors English 2 **Choice Book List** to read over the summer. As you read the texts, you should annotate them by writing on the page itself or using post-it notes. Your annotations can include questions, analysis, general thoughts when reading, reactions to what is occurring in the text, predictions of future events, and/or definitions of unknown words or phrases.

Then write a reflection (anywhere from 400-500 words) on **each** book, addressing the questions below. Please be as specific as possible and connect your responses to specific parts of the book. For these reflections, you should use your own thoughts and responses to the book and not include analysis and ideas from any other sources. This is a chance to engage with what you are reading and voice your own thoughts and opinions, not those of anyone else. It is alright if you experienced challenges while reading the book or if you still have questions after finishing; you can even reflect on those questions or challenges in your response. Remember that any use of sources without permission or any use of AI generated content is a violation of academic integrity. All work will be submitted through *Turnitin* in the fall, which monitors for integrity violations including AI content.

- What made you choose this book?
- Have you ever read anything like it before? If so, what?
- What was your experience like while reading this book? Was it enjoyable? Challenging? Did you find it easy to get “into”? Did your experience change at all as you read?
- What resonated most with you about the plot, characters, or genre? Include at least one quote.
- Did you like the writing style of the book? Why or why not?
- What questions do you have about the text? Link your questions to specific parts of the book.
- What key part or parts of the book stood out for you? Why? Use at least two quotes from the books when answering.
- Did you learn anything about yourself as a reader from your experience with this book?
- What are you taking away from this book in terms of lessons about life, understandings of the world, or anything else?
- What sort of person would you recommend this book to? Why?
- Feel free to add anything else that you would like to share with me about the book.

Remember to type your reflections, use your MLA heading, provide MLA in-text citations, and include a Works Cited page with a citation for each of the three texts. Also, remember to introduce quotes with context and signal phrases.

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When you come to class in the fall, these written reflections will form the springboard for discussions with your classmates and for sharing book recommendations. I look forward to hearing all of your thoughts and experiences with these texts.

**If you have any questions about the directions or requirements, email Ms. Murray at [nmurray@vmahs.org](mailto:nmurray@vmahs.org).**

**Happy Reading!**  
**Honors English 2: American Literature**  
**Summer Reading Assignment Rubric**  
**2023-2024**

**Content:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 30

- Student answers questions fully and thoughtfully for each book read, demonstrating a complete and reflective reading of each text chosen
- Student effectively uses at least 2 quotes from the text in each response, as directed
- Student effectively integrates quotations, using context and signal phrases
- Each writing assignment is at least 400-500 words

**Formatting:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

- Student uses proper MLA formatting for in-text parenthetical citations
- Student uses proper MLA formatting in her Works Cited page
- Heading, page numbers, document set-up, etc. uses proper MLA formatting

**Spelling and Grammar:** \_\_\_\_\_ / 15

- Each writing assignment is free of spelling and grammar errors

Total: \_\_\_\_\_ / 60