

English 2: American Literature
Summer Reading Assignment 2023-2024

Assignment Overview:

Read two books from the Choice Books list. While reading, take 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 Books, you will complete the Character Head Assignment for BOTH books. This assignment will allow you to demonstrate your understanding and impressions of a text in a creative format. All requirements for this assignment are detailed below.

Assignment Explanation:

You will decorate a character head (front and back) for each of your choice books from the summer reading list. The purpose is to analyze how the character has *evolved* throughout the novel.

- Character Head must have the following: Title, author, illustration/graphic to represent the title, and character's name
- Left side of Character Head: one direct quote, one image, three adjectives, and a brief description of the character BEFORE the conflict, climax, growth in the character, etc.
- Right side of Character Head: one direct quote, one image, three adjectives, and a brief description of the character AFTER the conflict, climax, growth in the character, etc.
- Back of Character Head:
 - Analytical paragraph that explains how you think your Choice Book relates to the concept of the American Dream
 - Paragraph explaining the significance of your first image
 - Paragraph explaining the significance of your second image
- Be sure to also include an MLA Works Cited list (Choice Book, all sources), your name and section

Other Requirements:

- Character Head must be backed by some type of background paper. Neatness and creativity matter.
- A Pocket Style Manual must be consulted for MLA requirements.
- Template and examples are below. However, you are *NOT* required to use the template.

Your two Character Head Assignments are 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 Ms. Arata at carata@vmahs.org.

Happy Reading!



