

**Honors English 12 Grade Independent Reading Assignment / 2023-2024, Athens High School**

**Students taking honors, AP, or dual enrollment English courses are required to complete the independent reading assignment.**

**-This assignment requires the student to choose one novel from the list below, read it independently, and complete the assignment below. (200 point assignment)**

**-Students should be aware there will also be a written assessment on the novel at the beginning of the course. (200 point assessment)**

The due date for the assignment is the date of the first progress report of the 1st 9-weeks grading period when students have English whether during first semester or second semester. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The independent reading assignment will be recorded on the 1st progress report for the 2nd 9-weeks grading period. **New enrollments will be given one month from their first day to complete all independent reading assignments.**

<b>Honors English 12 Grade Novel Choices</b>
<i>1984</i> by George Orwell
<i>Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by Jane Austen

- Students in honors English 12 courses will be required to complete a 4-7 page research paper in **MLA format** based on one of the following prompts.
- Students are required to find and use 3 peer reviewed articles as secondary sources and include a Works Cited page in proper MLA format.

**Prompt 1:** In many plays or novels, the cultural, physical, or geographical surroundings shape psychological or moral traits in a character. Write a well-organized and well developed research paper in which you analyze how surroundings affect this character and illuminate a theme of the novel.

**Prompt 2:** Choose a character from the novel who responds in some significant way to justice or injustice. Then write a well-organized and well developed research paper in which you analyze the character’s understanding of justice, the degree to which the character’s search for justice is successful, and the significance of this search as it relates to a theme in the novel.

**Prompt 3:** Morally ambiguous characters – characters whose behavior discourages readers from identifying them as purely evil or purely good – are at the heart of many works of literature. Choose a character from the novel who is morally ambiguous and plays a pivotal role in the novel. Then write a well-organized and well developed research paper in which you explain how the character is seen as morally ambiguous and why his or her moral ambiguity is significant to a theme in the novel.