

**Honors English 10 Grade Independent Reading Assignment**  
**2025-2026, Athens High School**

-This assignment requires you to choose **one** novel from the list below, read it independently, and complete the assignments listed.

-Be aware that you will also take an assessment on the novel at the beginning of the course within the first two weeks. The grade for this assignment will be recorded during the 1st 9-weeks grading period.

-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. The independent reading assignment will be recorded on the 1st progress report for the 2nd 9-weeks grading period.

-NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. ANY PLAGIARISM WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF ZERO.

**-ALL SOURCES MUST BE FROM GOOGLE SCHOLAR OR THE AVL.**

**\*\*\*New enrollments will be given one month from their first day to complete all independent reading assignments.\*\*\***

<b>10th Grade Fiction Novel Choices</b>
<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr
<i>The Alchemist</i> by Paulo Coelho
<i>I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban</i> by Christina Lamb and Malala Yousafzai

**Assignment: Create an annotated bibliography for your selected novel.**

- Find one critical review of your novel from Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) or Google Scholar.
- Also, find three sources about the author and/or the historical context of the novel from Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) or Google Scholar.
- You will have 4 sources total. (1 critical review - 3 author/historical context)
- Provide the MLA citations for EACH source, then discuss what you learned from your research from each source.
  - EACH source citation's discussion should be at least one paragraph (between 100 and 200 words in length).
- Discuss your experience throughout the research process in at least one paragraph (between 100 and 200 words in length).
- Use and correctly document any quoted material from the critical article and/or the novel, following MLA citation guidelines.
- This assignment should be typed, double-spaced, and follow all MLA formatting guidelines. You will have five paragraphs total - 1 critical review with citation, 3 author and/or historical context with citations, 1 personal experience.
- For help with MLA citation and formatting guidelines, be sure to consult the Online Writing Lab from Purdue University, often referred to as Purdue OWL:  
[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research\\_and\\_citation/mla\\_style/mla\\_style\\_introduction.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_style_introduction.html)