

Independent Reading Assignment / 2026-2027
Athens High School / Honors English 11
HONORS 11th Independent Reading Assignment

Students taking honors, AP, or dual enrollment English courses are required to complete an independent reading assignment. The following is the required assignment for Honors English 11 students.

This assignment requires you to read the novel below, read it independently, and complete the assignment listed. (200 point assignment)

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. (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.**

HONORS 11th Grade Novel
<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> by Zora Neale Hurston

Assignment: Write an analysis of a critical review of your selected novel

Find one critical review of your novel from Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). Read the critical review and offer your opinion of the critic's views and analysis of the novel.

When writing your response, be specific in your discussion. If you agree, then explain why. If you disagree, provide support for your position. Be sure to carry the argument beyond what the critic mentions and provide support from the novel itself. Use and correctly document any quoted material from the critical article and/or the novel, following MLA citation guidelines for all.

This assignment should be typed, double-spaced, follow all MLA formatting guidelines, and be approximately two (2) pages in length, not including a Works Cited page.

Be sure to attach a copy of the critical review to your assignment.

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