

Survey of American Literature

English 11

Reading List 2020-2021

**Required Summer Reading:**

F. Scott Fitzgerald                      *The Great Gatsby*

You will have a test on *The Great Gatsby* on the FIRST day of school. The test will be multiple choice/true false and will cover the plot of the story.

**Suggested Reading:**

Salinger, J.D.                                *The Catcher in the Rye*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel                      *The Scarlet Letter*

*The House of Seven Gables*

Lee, Harper                                  *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Wharton, Edith                               *Ethan Frome*

Agee, James                                 *A Death in the Family*

London, Jack                                 *The Sea Wolf*

Hemingway, Ernest                         *The Old Man and the Sea*

*A Farewell to Arms*

Melville, Herman                         *Billy Budd*

*Moby Dick*

King, Laurie                                 *The Beekeeper's Apprentice*

Heller, Joseph                                *Catch-22*

Tan, Amy                                      *The Joy Luck Club*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott                        *Tender Is the Night*

Miller, Arthur                                *Death of a Salesman*

Twain, Mark                                 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Cisneros, Sandra	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>
Tyler, Anne	<i>Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant</i>
Cooper, James Fenimore	<i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>
McCullers, Carson	<i>The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>

Novel Report Format (to be used during the year). We will review this format and all aspects of writing a proper novel report during the first six weeks of school. We will also review MLA format and in-text citations. I will assign the date for your first novel report once we start the school year.

1. Title, Author, Original Publication Date
2. Authorial Background (include reasons for writing the book)
3. Literary Period (refer to the LITERARY period NOT THE SAME THING AS THE WHEN IT WAS WRITTEN, like the 1920's, etc.) Refer to other authors writing in the same period.
4. Setting
5. Character Sketch of ONE character (describe and analyze using literary terms)
6. Unique Literary Devices Used By the Author (for example: symbolism, allusion, flashback, etc.)
7. Point of View

All novel reports are to be written in paragraph form in MLA format. Research is required for #1, #2, #3 and #6, which means you are to use in-text citations and have a works cited page. All reports are to be typed in 12 pt. font, Times New Roman and double-spaced. All reports must also be placed in a folder.

There are no acceptable excuses for late work. Manage your time and do not wait until the last minute. I do not want to hear that your computer or printer would not work, that your printer ran out of ink, or that you do not have a computer and, therefore, had to wait for your best friend to finish his/her report before you could type yours.

Cliff's Notes or Spark Notes (or any other study aid) or on-line study sites such as pinkmonkey, sparknotes, enotes, bookrags, etc., are not acceptable replacements for the original book or as reference sources.

For each day that a report is late, eight points will be deducted from the final grade of the paper.