

Sophomore Independent Reading Choices

To prepare you for some of the requirements next year in junior English for the independent reading expectation students will embark on a different method to achieve your reading points' grade.

Students will continue to read a *choice* novel. Please understand this assignment is designed to give you the opportunity to read books that interest you while you continue to build your reading comprehension skills. The best way to become a better reader is to practice.

We will continue to have reading days in class to help you meet the monthly goal of completed a book. Although the majority of your reading will need to take place out-of-class. This is your nightly homework for English. As always you need to read a book you haven't ever read before. If you are in the middle of a book, you may continue reading it. The first novel must be completed by _____ . The second novel needs to be completed by _____ .

On the due dates for the two novel, we will accomplish two things during the class period. First, we will have a potluck to which you must bring a food item that represents your novel in some way (e.g. donuts to represent the ring from *The Hobbit*). Second, you will each have the opportunity to share your review of the book you've read with your classmates and answer questions about the novel. Your typed book review will include:

1. A 1-PARAGRAPH SUMMARY OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE NOVEL
2. A 1-PARAGRAPH ANALYSIS OF A MAJOR CHARACTER IN THE STORY
3. A 1-PARAGRAPH EXPLANATION OF ONE MAJOR THEME OF THE NOVEL, AND AN ANALYSIS OF HOW IT IS DEVELOPED OVER THE COURSE OF THE STORY
4. A 1-PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF YOUR PERSONAL OPINION OF THE NOVEL

Each student will make a three to five minute presentation to the class about the novel and how the food choice brought has some symbolism to the novel. A random draw will determine the order students will present.

All four elements of the review must be completed for me to accept your paper. However one other facet will apply in the grading process: The level of difficulty of your selected novel will impact your grade.

To receive an A on the assignment you must not only complete all four, but you must select a book that a lexile of 1080 or higher which is the basic standard for 10th grade.

To receive a B the lexile range is from 1110-1079.

To receive a C the lexile range is from 925-1109.

The point range for the A is 27 -30 points. Depending on how well you present your book, explain your food choice in relationship to your book, and complete the required elements will determine the amount of points received in the A range.

The B point range is from 24-26 and will follow the same criteria as above.

The C point range is from 21-23 and will follow the same criteria as above.

Any book reviews not turned in or presented on the dates above will receive 18 point or below depending on the quality of the work.

