11 Honors American Literature
Summer Reading - 2018

“Reading is the sole means by which we slip, involuntarily, often helplessly, into another’s skin, another’s voice, another’s soul.” — Joyce Carol Oates

ATTENTION!!

Completion of all summer reading assignments is a prerequisite for Junior Honors English. You cannot take this class without completing these assignments prior to the start of the school year.

I. You are required to read the following play:
   The Crucible (1953) -- Arthur Miller
   Here is a link to read it online:
   https://archive.org/stream/TheCrucibleFullText/The+Crucible+full+text_divu.txt

II. Choose one Pulitzer Prize winning novel from the link:
   http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219
   To Kill A Mockingbird is NOT an option.
   A few of my favorites:
   ● The Goldfinch
   ● The Orphan Master’s Son
   ● Olive Kitteridge
   ● The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
   ● Middlesex
   ● Interpreter of Maladies
   ● Beloved
   ● The Color Purple
   ● A Confederacy of Dunces
   ● The Hours

III. Choose one non-fiction book from the list:
   ● Between the World and Me -- Ta Nehisi Coates
   ● Enrique’s Journey -- Sonia Nazario
   ● The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks -- Rebecca Skloot
   ● I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings -- Maya Angelou
   ● Friday Night Lights -- H.G. Bissinger
   ● The Whole Shebang -- Timothy Ferris
   ● Into Thin Air -- Jon Krakauer
   ● 1776 -- David McCullough
- *Outliers: The Story of Success* -- Malcolm Gladwell
- *Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All American Meal* -- Eric Schlosser
- *Stiff: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* -- Mary Roach

For *The Crucible*:

- Choose **one of the main characters** (John, Abigail, Elizabeth, Rev. Hale, Rebecca Nurse, Rev. Parris, etc.) from the play to track. Record your insights/inferences about this character as well as locate details and quotes that support your insights. Be sure to note the page number, act and scene. **These notes will serve as your brainstorming for your first major writing assignment.**
- You will be **assessed** with an objective **test** for *The Crucible*. The test will be administered beginning the second day of classes. You may take notes as you read but all notes used on the test must be original and will be collected and verified as original. The test will focus on important plot details and events, identification of characters, literary devices, and important conflicts. (Notes are not a requirement but will help you on the test.)

For the Pulitzer Prize winning novel:

- Write an original book review. Follow the guide I provided. **DO NOT PLAGIARIZE.**
- Be prepared to read your review with the class and entertain questions from the class about your text.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** These assessments are a major part of your first quarter grade.

*If you have questions, please see Mrs. Giuliano in Room 229 or email: bgiuliano@westwarwickpublicschools.com.*