

Summer Reading 2021 English IV

Directions: Read a book that meets one of the challenges below. There are only two requirements: 1.) The book must be high school reading level or above 2.) The book must be one you have not read previously.

Assignment: After you read the book, write a 2-3 page (double-spaced) response to the book. In this response, **you should first identify which reading challenge the book met.** Be sure to mention the author and title. In this response, you need to have four sections:

- 1.) Summarize the plot
- 2.) Analyze the main characters
- 3.) Explain the main themes
- 4.) Offer a personal response to the book

Each section should be about ½ page in length.

DO NOT consult outside sources for this assignment. I want YOUR responses.

The response should be typed in 12-pt Times New Roman font, double spaced
On the first day of class we will submit the assignment to turnitin.com together.

Email me at tschilly@mountstmary.org if you have questions or want book suggestions.

Reading Challenges

- 1.) Read a Classic
- 2.) Read something on the [“banned books” list](#)
- 3.) Read a play
- 4.) Read the first book in a series
- 5.) Email a current or previous teacher and ask them for a book recommendation
- 6.) Read a book with a family member
- 7.) Read a book from a “Best of” List. There are tons of these: New York Times, Goodreads, Rolling Stone, NPR, Publisher’s Weekly, etc...
- 8.) Read a book that takes place in another country or continent.
- 9.) Read a book that is by or about someone from an indigenous culture (Native Americans, Aborigines, etc). Sherman Alexie and Isabelle Allende are great options.
- 10.) Having a “book snob” moment? Challenge yourself to a National Book Award, Man Booker Prize, Pen Faulkner, or Pulitzer Prize winner from the last decade.
- 11.) Read a book that was published the year you were born.
- 12.) Read a book with more than 500 pages.
- 13.) Read a book with a single word as a title.
- 14.) Read a book with a number in its title.
- 15.) Read a book set in Oklahoma or by an author from Oklahoma