**A Reading Challenge**

**Summer Reading 2020**

**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 MLA format: 12-pt Times New Roman font, double spaced, correct heading and header.**

**On the first day of class we will submit the assignment to turnitin.com together.**

Email me at [tschilly@mountstmary.org](mailto: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**](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/classics)
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** (does not have to be an English teacher!)
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, Aboriginals, 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**
16. **Read a book from the AP English Literature and Composition Exam list**
17. **Create your own reading challenge.** Did I miss something? Email me with a challenge that you want to mee, and I can confirm that it meets the requirements of the assignment.