

English 3

Summer Reading Assignment

Mrs. Gross

Hello. Welcome to American literature! This year, you will be given a *choice* of books to read. Please complete the reading guide and requirements for your selected novel. It is due Friday, August 26th, no exceptions. Your work must be typed in a font of 12, Times New Roman. You will be completing a project based on your book shortly after we return to school. Your project will be assigned based on your learning style and will serve as a test grade. I can't wait to meet you! If you have questions before then, I can be reached at kgross@lutheranwest.com.

Your choices:

A Separate Peace by John Knowles follows a unique friendship between two teenage boys during World War II. While at boarding school, the boys experience an event that changes everything. This story focuses on friendship and lies and the confusion of being an adolescent.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston is considered one of the most important books of the 20th century. This book explores Janie Crawford's journey as she experiences love, sorrow, joy, and inner peace through three marriages.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is set in the future in what used to be called North America, which is now Panem. This is the first book in the trilogy of a dystopian society where the "country" is divided into 12 districts. To keep society in line, each district is required to send one teenage boy and one teenage girl to fight to the death on live television.

Your assignment: (50 points)

1. You are to do your first quote journal. Make two columns. Quotes from the book with the page number are to be on the left. RESPONSES to the quote are to go on the right. Responses are to be at least three sentences that do not simply explain the quote. You are to have 10 of these for your book. (20 points)
2. Focus on Elements of Fiction: (20 points)
 - a. List and identify at least five characters from your selected book. Give physical descriptions along with personalities, and the role of each character in the book.
 - b. Point of view – who is telling the story and from what perspective. (i.e... first person, etc...)
 - c. Plot – in your own words, briefly discuss the plot of the story.
 - d. Theme – Discuss one or two meanings of your selected book. What lesson are we learning from this?
3. Personal response: **Either a or b in a one page response, double-spaced.** (10 points)
 - a. Which character do you most identify with and why? Be sure to use examples from the novel.
 - b. Tell me your thoughts on the novel you selected. Would you recommend it to someone else? Why or why not?

