

12th Grade Summer Reading Options

(choose one from the yellow boxes. The purple is for extra credit)						
Book Title	Lexile Level	Themes	Synopsis			
Caucasia by Danzy Senna "HAUNTING AND DEEPLY INTELLIGENT."—THE NEW YORK TIMES CAUCASIA A NOVEL DANZY SENNA AUTHOR OF NEW PEOPLE	1090	Identity	Caucasia (1998) is the first novel written by American author, Danzy Senna. It is the coming-of-age story of two multiracial girls, Birdie Lee and her sister Cole, who have a Caucasian mother and an African American father. The novel is set in Boston, Massachusetts, during the turbulent mid-1970s			
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood MARGARET ATWOOD THE HANDMAID'S TALE	750	Gender Roles Religion and Theocracy Love Rebellion	The Handmaid's Tale is the story of life in the dystopia of Gilead, a totalitarian society in what was the United States. Gilead is ruled by a fundamentalist regime that treats women as property of the state, and is faced with environmental disasters and a plummeting birth rate.			
Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne THE SCARLET LETTER	1340	Revenge Women and Femininity. Compassion and Forgiveness. Sin	The novel is set in a village in Puritan New England. The main character is Hester Prynne, a young woman who has borne a child out of wedlock. Hester believes herself a widow, but her husband, Roger Chillingworth, arrives in New England very much alive and conceals his identity			

		Hypocrisy	
1984 by George Orwell	1090	Totalitarianism Propaganda Subversion of Love and Feelings Political Loyalty Class System	A man loses his identity while living under a repressive regime. In a story based on George Orwell's classic novel, Winston Smith (John Hurt) is a government employee whose job involves the rewriting of history in a manner that casts his fictional country's leaders in a charitable light. His trysts with Julia (Suzanna Hamilton) provide his only measure of enjoyment, but lawmakers frown on the relationship and in this closely monitored society, there is no escape from Big Brother.
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neal Hurston Zora Neale Hurston Their Eyes Were Watching God	890	Language: Speech and Silence Power and conquest as a means for fullfillment Love and Relationships vs. Independence	Janie Crawford, an African-American woman in herforties, recounts her life starting with her sexual awakening, which she compares to a blossoming pear tree kissed by bees in spring. Around this time, Janie allows a local boy, Johnny Taylor, to kiss her, which Janie's grandmother, Nanny, witnesses.

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DUE DATE 9/7/2020

PART 1: Chapter Summaries or Journal Entries

PICK 1

1) After each chapter, summarize what happened. Write your summary in at least 2 paragraphs.

OR

2) After each chapter, write a journal entry from the perspective of the main character explaining how that character might be feeling or what that character may be thinking. Write your journal entry in at least 5-6 complete sentences.

Note:

You may handwrite your summaries/journal entries on lined paper, in a notebook, or type them in a Google document.

See the examples to the right. The rubric that will be used to grade your summaries is attached to this packet.

PART 2: Getting Creative!

PICK 2

1) Visual Representation

See yourself as artsy? Choose the visual representation to show what you know. For this project you will have to incorporate mixed mediums meaning picking more than one way to show your art by using magazines, pastels, acrylic paints, sketching and photography! You could be the next huge Tik Tok artist!

Here's what you'll need:

- Poster Paper
- 2 or more different art mediums
- Art must showcase how the main character has developed over the text or a visual representation of the theme of the novel

OR

2)Soundtrack the Book!

I know how much you love music!
Here is a great option! Create a Spotify or Apple playlist that can offer a glimpse into a character's state of mind. In this activity, you are asked to imagine what songs might show up on character's music playlist at a given point in a story. All choices must be reinforced by textual evidence and supported by reasoning.

Must have at least 10 songs.

Must be clean versions of songs.

OR

3)Create a Film Poster

Imagine that your book has been made into a movie. How would you create a poster that shows something significant about the plot, tone, and/or theme of the story while simultaneously attracting a big audience? What famous actors would best play the rolls? Who would direct it? Pick this project if you think of yourself as a film buff or pop culture know-it-all. Feel free to use phone apps to help you in designing this work! GET CREATIVE!

Example

Sample Summary of Chapter 1 from Wonder:

In chapter 1, the main character, Auggie, introduced himself and explains why he is and is not ordinary. He does and likes ordinary things such as ice cream, video games, and his dog. What make him not-so-ordinary is his face: he has a deformity. If he had only one wish ever in his entire life, Auggie would wish for a normal face. His parents ignore how people react, but Auggie's sister Via can't stand how rude some people can be.

Example

Sample Journal entry:

Dear Diary,

It turns out that going to school is totally doable-being like everyone else, on the other hand, is another matter. So today I struggled. How do I live a normal life ten-year old life while looking the way I do. I know it's a challenge to look at me, "I know I'm weird-looking, take a look, I don't bite", but I wish kids would just get over it already. The staring and whispering reminds me over and over again how I'm not normal. It's demoralizing, and distracts me from the business of just going through the normal, ordinary school day. Hopefully Mom will catch the hint of my sad face and get me some of my favorite snack, ice cream, tonight.

Yours Truly, Auggie





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Chapter Summaries OR Journals Rubric

Note: Teachers will randomly select 5 summaries to grade

Category	1	2	3						
Neatness/ Organization	 Illegible handwriting Unprofessional formatting professionalism Missing chapter numbers Paper contain multiple messy marks i.e. smudges, watermarks stains) 	 Handwriting is legible (no use of symbols or emojis) Formatting indicates relative professionalism Most chapters have a heading with the chapter number Paper is mostly free of messy marks (i.e. smudges, watermarks stains) 	 Handwriting is professional and neat (no use of symbols or emojis) Formatting indicates strong professionalism All chapters have a heading with the chapter number Paper is free of messy marks (i.e. smudges, watermarks stains) 						
Summary Quantity	- 50% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions	- 70% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions	100% of chapter summaries are complete and follow the directions						
Summary Quality	- 1 out of 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read	3 out of 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read	- All 5 randomly selected summaries are written with integrity, accurately capture the events, and clearly demonstrate that the understood what he/she read						