**Independent Novel Study**

This term we will be completing an independent novel study. Reading is a very important part of English, and even though we are not in the building, it’s important that you still do some reading.

You will have the choice of a novel to read, but please pick something grade and reading level appropriate. Ideally, your book will be longer than 150 pages. There will be more information about choosing a novel below.

You are allowed to use this novel for your second silent reading assignment as well, but you are not obligated to if you would like to read a different book for the second silent reading assignment. Please note: you will not be able to use the same book from your first silent reading assignment for the second one.

**Choosing Your Novel**

If you have a book at home that you’ve been meaning to read, that’s great! Go for that book. However, not everyone may have some books at home and I understand that. There are ways to work around that.

General

If you have a smart phone/tablet, you are able to get various eReading apps, such as Kobo or Kindle. Through those apps, you can buy whatever book you would like and be able to read it that way.

Free Books:

As cost can be prohibitive, there are ways to access some legally books for free.

* Kobo has a variety of books listed as free, including many classics that are now in the public domain:

<https://www.kobo.com/ca/en/list/beloved-classics-by-kobo-editions/mOFLxthzks5iTAjXzEzMiQ>

* + Ms. Legault’s Recommendations: *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, *Dracula* by Bram Stoker, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
* If you have a library card, you can use it with apps such as Libby or Overdrive to access the library’s online collection of eBooks and audiobooks. There is a pretty vast selection (provided no one else has signed it out), and you will have up to 21 days to read your eBook or listen to your chosen audiobook.
* Due to the current circumstances, Audible.com is offering a selection of audiobooks for students to listen to for free. This includes a range of teen choices, and literary classics.
  + Literary Classics: <https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122353011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dml_cntr-4>
    - Ms. Legault’s Recommendations: *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte, *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
  + Teen: <https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122354011?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_ds_dpsh_cntr-3>
    - Ms. Legault’s Recommendations: *The Bone Witch* by Rin Chupeco
* Additionally due to the current circumstances, Scribd is offering free access to much of their collection of eBooks and audiobooks without the need to enter a credit card. This can be found at:
  + <https://www.scribd.com/readfree?utm_source=readfree>
  + Please note, that you will be required to make an account. Additionally, Scribd typically only lets you read/listen to 3-4 books during the 30 day period. The titles under that link are very limited in comparison to what a full Scribd account typically offers. You can follow a traditional route to get a full account, but you will be required to enter credit card/payment information and they will charge you at the end of your 30 days.
    - Ms. Legault’s audiobook recommendations: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, *The Alchemist* by Paula Coelho, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr*,* *And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie
    - Ms. Legault’s ebook recommendations: *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman, *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold*, The Graveyard Book* by Neil Gaiman.
* Project Gutenberg has a collection of free in the public domain eBooks that can be downloaded and read on your preferred device or through your browser.
  + <http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page>
* YouTube has some audiobooks uploaded. If the YouTube video tries to make you go to another website to listen, do not follow it.

Things to Consider When Choosing Your Novel:

* Graphic novels are permitted, but they must be at least 200 pages long.
* It will be easiest to do the assignments based off of a fiction novel, but creative non-fiction could potentially work as well.
* Your novel must be at least 150 pages. (Graphic novels must be longer as stated above).
* Listening to an audiobook is fine.
* Try to choose something that you have some interest in reading, but recognize that if you are accessing through the free options, your choice will be limited.
* Ms. Legault does not recommend using a short story collection.

**Once You Have Decided:**

* Let Ms. Legault know the title of the book you are reading and the name of the author. There are two ways to do this:
  + Answer the question on Google Classroom.
  + Send Ms. Legault an email.
* Begin reading.
* Complete assignments as you go.