**Silent Reading Assignment**

Reading is an important part of English and it is important to me that you be held accountable for the reading that you do over the course of this semester. I will be assessing you summatively on two assignments, one each term, based on a book you have read. Therefore, I will expect you to read a book of your choosing each term.

**Term Assignment (Summative)**

You will have to do two major assignments, one each quarter, after you have finished reading a novel. One will be a **book talk** and one will be a **written book report**. You can do them in whichever order you would like but you must do both and you must do one per term.

**Quarter One Due Date:**

**November 3th, 2023**

**Quarter Two Due Date:**

**January 15th, 2024**

**Book Selection Considerations:**

You will have your choice of novel to read, but please choose something that is grade/reading level appropriate. You may choose a graphic novel, but it must be longer than 150 pages. You can choose to listen to an audiobook, and eBook formats are fine as well. It must be a published novel (i.e. no fan fiction). If you need a book recommendation, let Ms. Legault know.

**Written Book Report Requirements**

* **Two (2) pages** typed
* Times New Roman, 12-point font
* Double spaced
* Name/Date/Block in **upper right- or left-hand** corner
* Title (i.e. *Book Title* Report or something more creative)
* Introduction (include title, name of author, and any relevant context detail such as author’s inspiration to write the book, is it fiction or non-fiction, etc.)
* One paragraph of summary of the book
* Include your review of the book. What did you like about it? What didn’t you like? Is there anything you would change or do differently? What were your favourite parts of the book? What were your least favourite parts? Favourite/least favourite characters. Etc.
* Conclusion (Would you recommend this book? Have you read any books similar to it? What kind of reader might enjoy this book? I.e. if you like *The Hunger Games* you might like this book, *Divergent.*)

**What I’m Looking For:**

* Your summary should be thorough, but brief, and should mention themes of the books and major ideas and characters. This needs to be in your own words.
* Your critique should be more than just ‘I like it.’ You should react to the theme of the novel, the subject, how well written it is and the overall success or failure of it.
* You need to include information about the author’s life/qualifications and some background information on the novel.
* You should have a clear organizational path through the paper with smooth transitions. You can use headings if you’d like but that will make it jumpier.
* Your paper should be well written overall and really show that you understand your novel.
* Good grammar and spelling is a must.

**Oral Book Talk Requirements**

* **Four minutes** maximum
* Must answer one question about the book from a classmate/Ms. Legault
* Things you should discuss:
1. Name of book/author
2. Brief summary
3. Any relevant context (i.e. what inspired the author to write the book, genre, type of book, etc.)
4. Brief review
5. What kind of reader you might recommend the book to/would you recommend it
* You may bring in note cards to read your book talk from.
* Ideally, you should present to the class, but we may be able to arrange for another time.
* You must sign up in advance.

**What I’m Looking For:**

* You should make eye contact while presenting your book talk. Practice in advance so you are confident in what you’re saying and to avoid making mistakes.
* Your voice should be clear, and everyone should be able to hear you.
* Your talk should have a logical structure and organization that is easy for the audience to follow, which is why I suggest practicing and having notes.
* You need to know your stuff about the book, and demonstrate that knowledge in your book talk.
* You should be prepared to answer any questions that might come your way. Your classmates will probably ask you things about the book that you read, so you should be prepared for that.