

# What can stories teach us about aspects of the human condition?

As an English II Advanced student, you are required to **read** and **annotate** a novel during Summer 2023. The reading and annotation of the novel must be completed **before** the first day of school.

Hold onto your copy of the book and your notes, as there will be several assignments in the first grading period that will require you to utilize your novel.

**\*\*You will need a physical copy or e-copy of your book.**

## **The Task:**

Look through the list of novels on the following pages and pick one to read critically. You can choose between a fiction or nonfiction title. Try to find one that sounds interesting to you.

As you read, annotate and take notes:

- **Highlight passages** you find interesting or engaging and consider why they caught your attention.
- **Make connections** (text to text, self, world) and **write questions** in the margins or a notebook about passages that cause you to wonder.
- **Take notes** about anything the author did that relates to at least **three (3) of the topics** listed below.
- **Take notes** about **lessons (theme)** the author wants us to understand about these topics.
- Identify and **define** new or unfamiliar vocabulary. Keep hold of these new words and show them to your teacher with your annotations.

**\*\* Be ready to discuss your annotations with your peers.**

## **The Topics:**

Humanity

Survival

Pride

Family

Maturity

\*\*\* If you cannot find a book that interests you or aligns with your beliefs, please feel free to venture off the list and find something else that still aligns with the topics above.

**Summer Reading: Non-Fiction Novel Choices**

<b>Novel</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PDF</b>	<b>Library</b>
<a href="#">The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives</a>	Dashka Slater	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Bite of Mango</a>	Mariatu Kamara	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon</a>	Steve Sheinkin	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Borden Murders: Lizzie Borden and the Trial of the Century</a>	Sarah Miller	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Born a Crime</a>	Trevor Noah	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage</a>	Alfred Lansing	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">Farewell to Manzanar</a>	Jeanne Wakatsuki	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Girl Who Smiled Beads: A Story of War and What Comes After</a>	Clemantine Wamariya	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book</a>
<a href="#">Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race</a>	Margot Lee Shetterly	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Killers of the Flower Moon</a>	David Grann	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World's Most Notorious Nazi</a>	Neal Bascomb	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">A Stolen Life: A Memoir</a>	Jaycee Dugard	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption</a>	Laura Hillenbrand	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">The Unwomanly Face of War</a>	Svetlana Alexievich	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Voices From Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster</a>	Svetlana Alexievich	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">West with the Night</a>	Beryl Markham	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">Where Men Win Glory</a>	Jon Krakauer	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook

**Summer Reading: Fiction Novel Choices**

<b>Novel</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PDF</b>	<b>Library</b>
<a href="#">The 5th Wave</a>	Rick Yancey	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Book of Unknown Americans</a>	Cristina Henríquez	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">Dragonsong</a>	Anne McCaffrey	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Everything, Everything</a>	Nicola Yoon	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Fahrenheit 451</a>	Ray Bradbury	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">Fair Coin</a>	E. C. Myers	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Flowers for Algernon</a>	Daniel Keyes	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Gone</a>	Michael Grant	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</a>	Douglas Adams	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The House of the Scorpion</a>	Nancy Farmer	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents</a>	Julia Alvarez	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Lord of the Flies</a>	William Golding	<a href="#">PDF</a>	<a href="#">Book / eBook</a>
<a href="#">The Martian Chronicles</a>	Ray Bradbury	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Maze Runner</a>	James Dashner	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Nowhere, Mississippi</a>	Jeff Frantal & Paul Munro	--	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Orphan Master's Son</a>	Adam Johnson	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Speed of Dark</a>	Elizabeth Moon	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">The Thief Lord</a>	Cornelia Funke	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook
<a href="#">Where'd You Go, Bernadette</a>	Maria Semple	<a href="#">PDF</a>	Book / eBook

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