**Summer Reading**

**2018-2019**

AP English

## Reading Requirements

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# Required Reading

***Summer To Do:***

• Pick up a copy of *The Great Gatsby* from GHS

• Choose a novel from the recommended reading list (found on my website) - you may check one out from the Siouxland Library or the GHS Library

• Complete the reading requirements for both books

• Reminder: You are expected to take the AP test at the end of the year (there is a cost to it – last year was $93) but that will be in lieu of a semester test as well.

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I have included my email address at the top. I hope you enjoy the books as they will lead into a strong start to the school year. Have a fantastic summer. See you in August*

 *- Mrs. B*

The reading requirements must be completed for each book. This will provide a base for the beginning of the year. You will be expected, at the beginning of the school year, to participate in discussions, create presentations, and write essays based on your observations of your two novels that you read this summer.

For each book, please complete the following tasks:

* Keep a reading log. This is done in a notebook marking the day and how many pages were read. In this journal you will write down any thoughts, reactions, and/or predictions that you have based on that day's reading. (These should maybe be a paragraph long)

By the end of the book, complete the following:

* Discuss the significance of the title (and subtitle if applicable). Also what would you name the novel if you had the choice and why?
* Write a short plot summary. This should be about one paragraph in length or you may complete a plot chart mentioning at least 8 specific elements. Only include the important details.
* Comment on the following literary elements: Author's Style, Point of View, Setting (both where and when), Major Themes (yes, there can be more than one), and Major Characters and their Conflicts.

This English class will be taught with the rigor of a college course. AP is advanced placement; you will be held to that expectation. You will be reading two novels: one of your choosing and one class novel.

While you are reading this summer, you must reflect on the book, recording your thoughts, predictions, connections, and interpretations.

The novel of your choice must be at least 250 pages. That equals just over 8 pages a day for a month, which I know is doable for you. Choose something you really enjoy but will also be a challenge for you. Be aware that you will be presenting this book to the class and it will be used in early tests. Be familiar with your plot and characters.

The shared class book will be *The Great Gatsby*. This is a classic novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. It takes place during the roaring twenties, post-World War I, and prohibition is in full swing. Aside from the music and materialism, this is a love story - or a want-to-be love story. The title character takes on many challenges throughout the novel but how will it turn out? Does he accomplish his goals? Does his dream come true?

Please be aware that the movie is different than the book, and while it may touch on a few similarities, it will not give you the answers needed for assignments and discussions. Plus, the book is always better. Enjoy!