

Pre-AP English II Summer Reading List and Assignment

Examine this list of books chosen. You will need to locate and read one of these books during the summer.

Mr. Flynn has copies of most of these books available in room 1514. The WHS library has copies of these books as well. Some of the older books are available online.

All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith

Each of these books is a *bildungsroman*, or coming-of-age novel, and portrays the psychological or moral development of its protagonist from youth to maturity, when this character recognizes his or her place in the world.

Over the summer you need to read **ONE** book from this list. During your reading you should take notes **using one of the three notation methods** available to you on the library website. Make sure that the quotes or passages that you pull are **relevant** to the protagonist's psychological or moral development.

The Summer Reading Assignment will be due at the end of the **SECOND WEEK** of school. If you do not have the assignment completed you will be asked to enroll in a different course.

I can't wait to see you in August to discuss your reading! Email me at ryan.leatherman@washington.k12.mo.us if you have any questions or need assistance with this assignment. Happy Reading!!!