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IB English Language and Literature Year 1 Summer Reading Assignment 2020

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Welcome to IB English Language and Literature. We couldn't be more pleased or impressed that you enrolled in this course. IB Language and Literature provides an internationally-oriented study of modes of communication. Additionally, an important part of the IB philosophy is student-initiated inquiry. In that spirit, rather than assign you a text, we've prepared a list of 15 varied novels from which you are free to choose. We recommend researching some of the titles online or at your library and even reading into a few of them before settling on your choice.

Once you have selected a book, read it carefully and address the following prompt:

As all narratives are communications from someone living in the world at a particular time and responding to his, her, or their cultural environment, narratives discuss or "present" several of what IB calls "Global Issues." For IB, a Global Issue can be anything that impacts people, irrespective of when or where they live. The following is a list of topics or areas that would make for an enriching Global Issue discussion: Family, Gender, Class, Ethnicity, Immigration, Justice, Inequality, Technology, the Environment, or Creativity. In a 500 word, two page, typed, double spaced essay (12 point font, one inch margins), explore how your novel treats two or more of these areas. Among the questions you might consider are: 1) Where in your novel do you see some of these areas touched on as Global Issues?; 2) How are these Global Issues important to the novel – how do they impact the plot, characters, and theme?; 3) Why is the author presenting these Global Issues?

As you read, keep the prompt in mind and take notes that you can later use in composing your essay. Your essay is due on the first day of class and will be worth 50 points. It will be entered in Power School in the "Formative Assessment" grading category. Due to the amount of work we'll be doing once the year begins, **late papers cannot be accepted**. Your essay will be evaluated in accordance with the attached rubric.

If you are interested, we offer an Early Submission Option. If you email your essay to us before the end of July, you will receive a 5% bonus. If you email your essay to us by the end of June, you will receive a 10% bonus. Also, we are offering an Extra Credit Option. If you read a second book and write a separate essay using the same prompt, you can earn up to an additional 25 points. If you do email your essay, we prefer it as a Word document attachment. If you use Google Docs, you must click on the option that grants us access to both read and edit your document.

We wish you an enriching summer and look forward to working with you.

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The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

La Rose by Louise Erdich

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea

Cry, the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

Hard-Boiled Wonderland and the End of the World by Haruki Murakami

It Can't Happen Here by Sinclair Lewis

Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Beloved by Toni Morrison

The One Hundred Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson

The Beautiful and Damned by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

The House of Spirits by Isabel Allende

A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole