Honors American Literature Summer Reading

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Purpose: Consistent, independent reading by students k-12 not only encourages life-long literacy, but improves fundamental reading skills. Students will begin to explore and ruminate on the 11th grade American Lit. Course essential question:

What Does it Mean to be an American?

In addition to the summer writing assignment required of all students in American Literature, all students enrolled in Honors American Literature must complete the following summer assignment:

Choose a grade-appropriate novel by an American author. As you read your selected text, keep a reading journal in which you analyze and reflect on elements, themes, or motifs of the story that are quintessentially American.

Requirements: You must have a minimum of 5 journal entries. Each entry must be at least 300 words. Your journals will be graded based on your attention to purpose, ideas, style, and conventions.

Students will be expected to submit reading journal entries on the first day of class as well as summer writing assignments. These will each count as a summative grade.

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