

A.S.K. Independent Literature Program

The purpose of this assignment is to help you to enjoy, reflect about and make strong personal connections to good literature. Explore literature according to your interest, ability, and need for challenge. To find an appropriate choice, you may: 1. ASK me! 2. ASK at the library, a friend or the bookstore. 3. Check out a website (Author4teen.com; Alan-ya.org; NCTE.org; Reading.org/choices; amazon.com; Cslib.org/awrdbk.htm), or log onto Google with "reading lists" and check it out. Try out different types of books—including non-fiction, classics, etc. The books listed below have been successful ASK choices over the years, but you are not confined to this list!

This assignment is easy—read, then read some more. To get an A for the quarter on this assignment, you must read about 75 pages per week. Consider this a **DAILY HOMEWORK** assignment. Bring your book to class **EVERY WEDNESDAY** for reading, review and to receive credit, and you will write **Reader's Journal** responses to the reading. The Reader's Journal will be a part of your Writing grade and one exam (mid-term/final) will relate to this independent reading assignment. In addition you will be assessed with the CAPT, Response to Literature style of question (both oral and written). Above all, have fun!

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN AND WORLD LITERATURE

The Bluest Eye, Sula Beloved (Morrison)	Women of Brewster Place, (Naylor)
Breath, Eyes, Memory (Danticat)	Electric Kool Aid Acid Test (Wolfe)
Ordinary People, (Guest)	Girl with Dragon Tattoo (Larsson series)
The Things They Carried, Lake of the Woods (O'Brien)	Girl with Pearl Earring (Chevalier)
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Angelou)	A Walk in the Woods, (Bryson)
Plains Song, (Harumph)	Outsiders; That Was Then, This is Now, (Hinton)
Fallen Angels, Monster (Meyers)	The Perfect Storm, (Junger)
Bell Jar (Plath)	Snow in August (Hammill)
She's Come Undone, I Know This Much (Lamb)	Requiem for a Dream (Selby)
The Help, Stockett)	Snow Falling on Cedars, (Guterson)
Breathing Lessons, Accidental Tourist (Tyler)	Fear and Loathing in Los Vegas (Thompson)
When I Was Puerto Rican (Santiago)	Red Dragon, Hannibal (Harris)
Rule of the Bone , Affliction, Darling; (Banks)	Bright Lights, Big City, (McInerney)
The Fixer (Malamud)	Waiting, (Jin)
Tortilla Curtain, Drop City, Talk, Talk (Boyle)	Harry Potter Series
Rumor of War, Eleven Seconds (Caputo)	Ophelia Speaks, (Sandler)
Joy Luck Club, Kitchen God's Wife (Tan)	This Boy's Life; In the Pharaoh's Army (Wolff)
The Bean Trees, Pigs in Heaven (Kingsolver)	Monster, (Cody)
Montana, 1948 (Kramer)	White Tiger (Adiga)
A Thousand Acres, (Smiley)	Where the Heart Is (Lett)
Snow Angels, October Country, O'Nan	The Alienist, (Carr)
Prince of Tides, Lords of Discipline, The Great Santini; (Conroy)	Godfather, Sicilian, Omerta (Puzo)
What is the What, Zeitoun, Heart Breaking Work of Staggering Genius (Eggars)	
Less Than Zero (Ellis)	Time to Kill, Street Lawyer, misc. (Grisham);
Running with Scissors, (Borroughs)	The Stone Diaries, Unless (Shields)
The Woods, Coben	Vernon God Little (Pierre)
White Teeth, (Smith)	Cat's Eye, Handmaid's Tale, (Atwood)
All the Pretty Horses, Blood Meridian , The Road (McCarthy)	Go Ask Alice, (Anon)
The Lovely Bones, (Seebold)	Twilight Series (Meyer)
Always Running, (Rodriguez)	Color of Water, (McBride)
Angela's Ashes, T'is (McCourt)	Eat, Pray, Love (Gilbert)
Manchild in the Promised Land, (Brown)	Mama; Disappearing Acts, (McMillain)
Down These Mean Streets, (Thomas)	The Blind Side (Lewis)
A Lesson Before Dying, (Gaines)	God of Small Things, (Roy)
Fight Club, Survivor, Choke (Palukniak)	Where Are the Children? misc (Clark)
Prayer for Owen Meany (Irving), The Third Hand (Irving)	Love Medicine, (Erdrich)
Little Altars 3, Divine Secrets. . Sisterhood (Well)	Kiss the Girls, Along Came a Spider (Patterson)
The Color Purple, Meridian (Walker)	The Hours, (Cunningham)

The Memory Keeper's Daughter (Edwards)
 The Stranger (Camus)
 Empire Falls, Mohawk (Russo)
 Siddhartha, Demian, (Hesse)
 Little Bee (Cleve)
 Child Called It; Lost Boy, Dave (Peltzer)
 My Sister's Keeper, 19 Minutes, misc Piccoult
 The Corrections, Freedom (Franzen)
 American Pastoral, Human Stain, (Roth)
 Coldest Winter Ever (Souliah)
 A Million Little Pieces, My Friend, Leonard (Frey)
 Fall Apart, (Achebe)
 Sophie's Choice (Styron)
 Memoirs of a Geisha, (Golden)
 Like Water for Chocolate (Equivel)
 In The Time of Butterflies (Alvarez)
 Perks of Being a Wallflower (Gillman)
 House of the Spirits; Daughter of Fortune (Allende)
 Old Man and the Sea, (Hemingway)
 Catcher in the Rye, (Salinger)
 A Separate Peace (Knowles)
 On the Road, (Kerouac)
 Slaughterhouse V, Sirens of Titan, Cat's Cradle, (Vonnegut)
 The Great Gatsby (Fitzgerald)
 One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest,
 Of Mice and Men, East of Eden, Grapes of Wrath (Steinbeck)
 Reservation Blues (Alexie)
 Curious Incident. . (Haddon)
 A Farewell to Arms, The Sun Also Rises (Hemingway)
 Wicked (Maguire)
 Catch 22 (Heller)
 To Kill a Mockingbird, (Lee)
 The Invisible Man (Ellison)
 Autobiography of Malcolm X,
 Thirteen Reasons Why (Asher)
 Their Eyes Were Watching God (Hurston)
 Naked Lunch (Burroughs)
 The Known World (Jones)
 Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series (Adams)
 As I Lay Dying (Faulkner)
 World War Z, Zombie Survival Guide (Brooks)
 The Call of the Wild/ White Fang (London)
 Go Tell It on the Mountain (Baldwin)
 Water for Elephants (Gruen)
 Winesburg, Ohio, (Anderson)
 Schindler's List, (Keneally)
 High Fidelity, A Long Way Down (Hornsby)
 Deliverance (Dickey)
 Journey from the Land of No (Hakavia)
 Da Vinci Code, Angels and Demons (Brown)
 Trainspotting (Welsh)
 Bel Canto (Patchett)
 To the Lighthouse, Mrs. Dalloway (Woolf)
 Running Loose (Cutcher)
 Outliers, Blink (Gladwell)
 Night, Dawn (Weisel)
 Three Cups of Tea (Mortenson)
 Dress Your Family in Corduroy, (Sedaris)
 Into Thin Air, Into the Wild (Krakauer)
 Star Island (Hiasson)
 Sarah's Key (Dressler)
 Ellen Foster; A Virtuous Woman, (Gibbons)
 Annie John (Kincaid)
 The Reader (Schlink)
 Tuesdays with Morrie, Five People (Ablom)
 Glass Castle (Walls)
 Kite Runner, A Thousand Splendid Suns (Hosseini)
 Heaven and Earth, Turtle Moon (Hoffman)
 Along for the Ride, The Prom (Dressen)
 Speak, Feed (Anderson)
 American Gods (Gamen)
 Born of the Fourth of July (Kovic)
 A Good Day to Die (Harrison)
 White Noise (Delilo)
 The Secret Life of Bees, (Monk)
 Native Son, Black Boy, 2(Wright)
 Sharp Teeth (Barlow)
 Good in Bed (Weiner)
 Fahrenheit 451 (Bradbury)
 Brave New World, (Huxley)
 Crank, Burn, Glass (Hopkins)
 Lord of the Flies (Golding)
 A Clockwork Orange (Burgess)
 Dune (Hebert)
 Hobbit/Lord of the Rings (Tolkien)
 Stranger in a Strange Land (Heinlein)
 The Hot Zone (Preston)
 the Book Thief (Zusak)
 Animal Farm, 1984, (Orwell)
 Andromena Strain, (Crichton)
 Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (Foer)
 Johnny Got His Gun (Trumbo)
 Maus (Spiegelman)
 Push (Sapphire)
 Smashed (Zailckas)
 Ten Little Indians, miscellaneous Christie
 War of the Worlds (Wells)
 Hearts in Atlantis, The Stand , Pet Semetary (King)
 Persepolis (Satrapi)
 Girl, Interrupted (Kaysen)
 Saturday; Atonement, (McEwan)
 We Were the Mulvaney's, (Oates)
 Life of Pi (Martel)
 Disgrace (Coetzee)
 Wind-up Bird Chronicle Kafka on Shore (Murakami)
 Three Junes (Glass)
 House of Sand and Fog (Dubus III)
 The Giver, (Lowry)

