

11th/12th Grade American Literature Summer Reading Requirements- 2022-2023 School Year
Class Code: 2qc4eaf

Summer reading will be due at different times throughout the summer and at the beginning of the year. Pay careful attention to the instructions to ensure you are meeting the requirements as well as the due dates.

Part 1: Read *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok, a bildungsroman or coming of age narrative of two young Jewish boys.

- 1) The themes in *The Chosen* include: father-son relationships and the conflict between religious and secular way of life. Discuss both themes from above and use examples from the novel to show how they were developed. Your response should be two paragraphs consisting of 7-8 sentences each. Your response should be typed out in MLA format.

- 2) Respond to the following short essay prompt:
'If Art does not enlarge men's sympathies, it does nothing morally' (George Eliot).
How does *The Chosen* work to enlarge our sympathies? What might it achieve morally, as a result? Respond to these questions and include at least two references to the text to support your response. Provide in text citations with the page number in parenthesis for your references. Your response should be two well developed paragraphs consisting of 7-8 sentences each. Your response should be typed out in MLA format.

****Please type all three responses on an on-going document. Label each response with the appropriate question number. This should be typed with your name at the top of the paper. These responses must be printed prior to coming to class the first day.**

- 3) Additionally, you will have a test over *The Chosen* sometime between the 1st and 2nd week of school.

Part 2: World News

Throughout the summer you will read and respond to 3 different articles on 3 **different topics**. They must all be from a credible news source (*NewsEla, Google News, Macomb Daily, Washington Post, Apple News, Times, USA Today* or any **credible** news source). You must do two articles a month (1 in June, 1 in July, 1 in August). You will write two paragraphs per article. Each paragraph should be between 6-8 sentences. One paragraph should provide a summary of the article including title, author and source. The next paragraph should provide your personal commentary on the article. What are your thoughts? What did you find interesting? What was the author's tone/attitude/ stance? What is the author trying to get the audience to think? When completing these, you will attach the link from the news article to the google classroom assignment. If the article is from an actual newspaper, you will need to take pictures of the article and newspaper information. These will need to be added to the google classroom by the last day of each month (aside from the month of August) ****These are due on the following dates***

Article 1: Due June 30th by 11 pm

Article 2: Due July 31st by 11 pm

Article 3: Due August 22nd by 11 pm

If you have any questions throughout the summer, please email ajagitsch@parkwaychristian.org

Have a wonderful summer!!