Independent Novels – 112 English

**“**No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance.**”**

Why read? Well there are nine reasons…

* Reading is rewarding
* Reading builds a mature vocabulary
* Reading makes you a better reader
* Reading is ‘hard’ and ‘hard’ is necessary
* Reading makes you smarter
* Reading prepares you for the world of work
* Reading well is finically rewarding
* Reading opens the door to college and beyond
* Reading arms you against oppression

As such, we are going to be reading, A LOT, in this class. In fact, we are going to set aside 15% of our weekly classes to do so. Every *Wednesday* you will be expected to bring your **approved** Independent Novel to class. You will read approximately 45 minutes, given that we have a full 5 day week.

You will be reading *three (3)* Independent Novels over the course of this year. Your novel choices will have to respect the following categories – Free Choice, Non-Fiction, and Classic.

You will be expected to have each novel read by a pre-determined date (see below). On those days you will be selecting an Independent Novel assignment (a book talk or one-pager), to prove that you read each book.

**Tentative Novel Due Dates:**

Novel #1 (Free Choice) - Due October 23rd

Novel #2 (Non-Fiction) – Due December 11th

Novel #3 (Classic) – Due May13th

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