

American Literature Syllabus

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This summer, students will explore excerpts from a variety of classic American literature, while strengthening their ability to: actively read, thoroughly annotate, and critically analyze texts. Moreover, they will have a chance to respond to texts in a more comprehensive way with presentations, projects, and in writing.

Week 1-2

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury - Often regarded as one of his best works, the novel explores a future American society where books are outlawed, and "firemen" burn any that are found.

Skills: Active Reading - Predict + Word Choice

Writing: Rhetorical Writing

Amazon Link:

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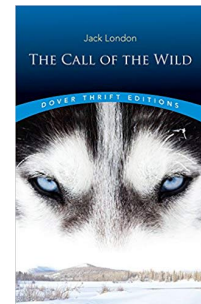
Week 3-4

Call of the Wild by Jack London - The central character of the novel is a dog named Buck. When Buck is stolen from his home and sold into service as a sled dog in Alaska, he becomes progressively feral in the harsh environment, where he is forced to fight for survival.

Skills: Active Reading - Visualize + Imagery

Writing: Literature Presentation

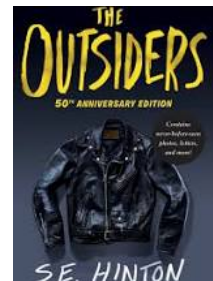
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Week 5-6

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton - Ponyboy can count on his brothers. And on his friends. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on "greasers" like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far.

Skills: Active Reading - Question + Writing Style

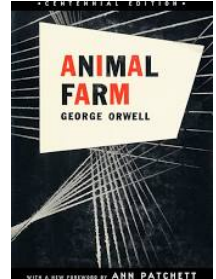


Writing: Rhetorical Writing

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Week 7-8

Animal Farm by George Orwell - A farm is taken over by its overworked, mistreated animals. With flaming idealism and stirring slogans, they set out to create a paradise of progress, justice, and equality. Thus, the stage is set for one of the most telling satiric fables ever penned—a razor-edged fairy tale for grown-ups that records the evolution from revolution against tyranny to a totalitarianism just as terrible.



Skills: Active Reading - Reflect + Theme

Writing: Multimedia Project

Amazon Link: https://www.amazon.com/Animal-Farm-George-Orwell/dp/0451526341/ref=sr_1_1?crd=314HGK2X13WAT&keywords=animal+farm&qid=1581036548&sprefix=animal+far%2Caps%2C228&sr=8-1