

**Franklin Township Public Schools
Grade 10
Summer Reading Assignment**

DIRECTIONS: Choose a novel to read from the following book list. You may choose any of the titles on the list. You must read **at least one** of the following novels in order to complete the summer reading assignment.

After you finish the novel, you are to complete the multi-genre writing assignments from the attached assignment sheet. There is also a rubric with guiding questions to assist you..

The entire assignment is due to your English teacher on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010**. It will count toward your first marking period grade.

WHERE DO I GET MY SUMMER READING BOOK?

Books are available for you at a number of sites:

- Franklin Township Public Library (485 DeMott Lane. Somerset, NJ 08873)
- Local bookstores:
 - The Barnes and Noble in North Brunswick (869 Route 1 South North Brunswick, NJ 08902) has copies of these books, as well as booklists for Franklin High School, available in the store.
- Copies of *Red Sky at Morning* are available to borrow for the summer from your English teacher if you choose to read that particular novel.

Book Title	Author	Synopsis
Red Sky at Morning	Richard Bradford	The classic coming-of-age story set during World War II about the enduring spirit of youth and the values in life that count.
The Five People You Meet in Heaven	Mitch Albom	The book focuses on an 83 year old, Eddie, who is the maintenance man at Ruby Point Amusement Grounds. It begins with a short description about the man moments before his death. As the story continues, the audience finds Eddie traveling through his life and meeting people whom he had affected during his lifetime.
Godless	Pete Hautman	Fed up with his parents' boring old religion, agnostic-going-on-atheist Jason Bock invents a new god — the town's water tower. He recruits an unlikely group of worshippers: his snail-farming best friend, Shin, cute-as-a-button (whatever that means) Magda Price, and the violent and unpredictable Henry Stagg. As their religion grows, it takes on a life of its own.
The Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	Teens will immediately be drawn into this account of a girl who was raped and killed, and tells her story from "heaven." She realizes gradually that she is in an interim heaven until she can let go of her earthly concerns. The place is like school with Seventeen for a textbook and no teachers.
Letters from the Inside	John Marsden	Tracey is in jail. She puts an advertisement in a magazine seeking a pen friend and Mandy replies. Mandy is a clean-cut teen who has no idea what the truth is about her new friend.
Founding mothers: Women who Raised Our Nation	Cokie Roberts	Roberts fills a gap in our coverage of the era without straying far from the familiar story of colonial resistance, the struggle for independence and the climactic writing of the U.S. Constitution. We don't lose sight of the white male titans who built the nation; we just see them from the vantage point of the women they wooed and the families they worried about -- usually at a distance -- during America's longest war

A People's History of the United States	Howard Zinn	Howard Zinn's <i>A People's History of the United States</i> is the first scholarly work to tell America's story from the bottom up—from the point of view of, and in the words of, America's women, factory workers, African-Americans, Native Americans, the working poor, and immigrant laborers. From Columbus to the Revolution to slavery and the Civil War—from World War Two to the election of George W. Bush and the "War on Terror"— <i>A People's History of the United States</i> is an important and necessary contribution to a complete and balanced...
The Absolutely true diary of a Part time Indian	Sherman Alexie	At once humorous and stirring, Alexie's novel follows Junior, a resident of the Spokane reservation who transfers out of the reservation's school -- and into a nearby rich, all-white farm school -- in order to nurture his desire to become a cartoonist. Junior encounters resistance there, a backlash at home, and numerous family problems -- all the while relaying his thoughts and feelings via amusing descriptions and drawings. Having already garnered a National Book Award for Young Adult Literature, this moving look at race and growing up is definitely one to pick up.
Cold Mountain: A Novel	Charles Frazier	<i>Cold Mountain</i> is the story of Inman, a wounded and soul-sick Confederate soldier who, like his literary fellow-traveler Odysseus, has quit the field of battle only to find the way home littered with impediments and prowled by adversaries. Inman's Penelope is Ada, a headstrong belle who has forsaken her place in Charleston society in order to accompany her father -- a tubercular southern gentleman turned missionary -- to a new home in the healthy mountain air of North Carolina.
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant	Ann Tyler	Through every family run memories which bind it together, despite everything. The Tulls of Baltimore were no exception. Now as Pearl lies dying, stiffly encased in her pride and solitude, the past is unlocked and with it its secrets.
Fool's Crow	James Welch	The year is 1870, and Fool's Crow, so called after he killed the chief of the Crows during a raid, has a vision at the annual Sun Dance ceremony. The young warrior sees the end of the Indian way of life and the choice that must be made: resistance or humiliating accommodation. "A major contribution to Native American literature."--Wallace Stegner.
This Side of Paradise	F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>This Side of Paradise</i> , became an instant best-seller and established an image of seemingly carefree, party-mad young men and women out to create a new morality for a new, post-war America. It traces the early life of Amory Blaine from the end of prep school through Princeton to the start of an uncertain career in New York City.

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Multi-Genre Writing Assignments

Directions:

1. Choose **ONE** short genre writing assignment and **ONE** long genre writing assignment. Select writing assignments that can be used with the reading you have selected.
2. The writing assignments are to be based on the book you have read and should reflect that characters, events, themes, motifs of the book.
3. Use the guiding questions that are attached to assist you with the completion of the assignment.

Short Genre Writing Assignments	Long Genre Writing Assignments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anagram• Bad news memo• Business card• Cartoon• Comic strip• Commercial (radio, television, or online)• Grave marker/tombstone• Grocery list• Haiku• Math problem• Obituary• Pop-up ad• Public service announcement• Voice mail message	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Claims letter• Collage-word, visual, aural• Congratulatory letter• Diary entry• Expository essay• Feature article• Memoir• Monologue• Personal commentary• Quiz• Recipe• Resume• Scrapbook• Sonnet

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Multi-Genre Rubric

Name _____

Grade _____

Title of Book _____

Short Genre

Assignment _____

Long Genre

Assignment _____

Guiding Questions

Use of genre	<p>Is the genre selected appropriate for the book?</p> <p>Does the writing include all components generally included in the genre?</p> <p>Is the language appropriate to the genre used?</p>
Organization	<p>Is the writing easy to read?</p> <p>Does the organization fit the genre being used?</p> <p>Is there a logical order to the writing?</p>
Focus	<p>Does everything in the writing support the topic?</p> <p>Do all the details add to the writing?</p>
Detailed Information	<p>Does the writing supply specific details which demonstrate understanding of the novel studied? Is there enough information to thoroughly cover the topic of the writing? Is the information included in the writing appropriate tot the genre?</p>
Creativity	<p>Is the project visually appealing?</p> <p>Does the writing make good use of the genre’s possibility for illustration, art, and color?</p>
Conventions	<p>Is the writing free of grammatical and spelling errors?</p>
Presentation	<p>Are written pieces typed and of final draft quality?</p> <p>Do written pieces look professional and well crafted?</p>