

**Franklin Township Public Schools
Grade 11**

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 *The Joy Luck Club* are available to borrow for the summer from your English teacher if you choose to read that particular novel.

Book Title	Author	Synopsis
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	Raised in the same household and sharing the same wet nurse, Amir and Hassan grow up in different worlds: Amir is the son of a prominent and wealthy man, while Hassan, the son of Amir's father's servant, is a Hazara — a shunned ethnic minority. Their intertwined lives, and their fates, reflect the eventual tragedy of the world around them.
The Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan	In 1949, four Chinese women begin meeting in San Francisco for fun. Nearly 40 years later, their daughters continue to meet as the Joy Luck Club.
Into the Wild	Jon Krakauer	McCandless always had privileges that few can claim. McCandless was just entering society, having graduated from Emory University, with more than \$25,000 in savings and a family that loved him. The question of why he would completely break contact with all that he knew, give away everything he owned, and disappear to the Alaskan wilderness as a homeless man for two years drives Krakauer's work.
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Mark Haddon	Christopher Boone is a fifteen and has Asperger's, a form of autism. He knows a great deal about math and very little about human beings. When he finds his neighbor's dog murdered he sets out on a terrifying journey, which will turn his world upside down.
Strength in what Remains	Tracy Kidder	Each of Tracy Kidder's books sheds light on at least one seminal aspect of human existence -- work, technology, home, education, community, healthcare. In his impressive run as a literary journalist, he has produced eight books of narrative nonfiction that focus in great detail on a carefully chosen, seemingly small story that turns out to have much broader significance. Taken together, his work paints a multifaceted portrait of American life.
Dreaming in Cuban	Cristina Garcia	Set in Havana, Brooklyn, and the Cuban seaside in the 1970s, Dreaming in Cuban unravels the lives and fortunes of four women of the colorful Del Pino family. Celia is the aging matriarch faithful to Fidel . . . Felicia is

		her mad (and possibly murderous) daughter . . . Lourdes, her other child, is a capitalist counterrevolutionary . . . and her daughter, Pilar, is an artistic punk filled with impossible Cuban dreams.
Three Cups of Tea	Greg Mortenson	The inspiring account of one man's campaign to build schools in the most dangerous, remote, and anti-American reaches of Asia.
Love in the Time of Cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	Set in an unnamed Caribbean seaport, Garcia Marquez's extraordinary <i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> (1988) relates one of literature's most remarkable stories of unrequited love. "This shining and heartbreaking novel," Thomas Pynchon wrote in <i>The New York Times Book Review</i> , is one of those few rare works "that can even return our worn souls to us." Mary Wesley on Garcia Marquez's <i>Love in the Time of Cholera</i> : "This is the funniest, most moving book I have read and re-read. Each reading discovers fresh delights, a true classic. Garcia Marquez is the greatest South American writer who doesn't hesitate to write of the spiritual and mundane in the same paragraph."
Bone	Fae Myenne Ng	In this profoundly moving novel, Fae Myenne Ng takes readers into the hidden heart of San Francisco's Chinatown, to a world of family secrets, hidden shames, and the lost bones of a "paper father." It is a world in which two generations of the Leong family live in an uneasy tension as they try to fathom the source of the middle daughter Ona's sorrow. Fae Myenne Ng's portraits of the everyday heroism of the Leongs--who inflict deep hurt on each other in their struggles to survive, yet sustain one another with loyalty and love--have made <i>Bone</i> one of the most critically acclaimed novels of recent years and immediately a classic of contemporary American life.
Inheritance of Loss	Kiran Desai	Although it focuses on the fate of a few powerless individuals, Kiran Desai's extraordinary new novel manages to explore, with intimacy and insight, just about every contemporary international issue: globalization, multiculturalism, economic inequality, fundamentalism and terrorist violence.
Let the Great World Spin	Colum McCann	Let the Great World Spin follows the fortunes of a menagerie of New Yorkers through a day in 1974—the day of Philippe Petit's deathdefying tightrope walk between the newly built Twin Towers.
Say You're One of Them	Uwem Akpan	The eight-year-old narrator of "An Ex-Mas Feast" needs only enough money to buy books and pay fees in order to attend school. Even when his twelve-year-old sister takes to the streets to raise these meager funds, his dream can't be granted. Food comes first. His family lives in a street shanty in Nairobi, Kenya, but their way of both loving and taking advantage of each other strikes a universal chord.

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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>