

**Franklin Township Public Schools
Grade 12**

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 *1984* are available to borrow for the summer from your English teacher if you choose to read that particular novel.

Book Title	Author	Synopsis
1984	George Orwell	In a grim city and a terrifying country, where Big Brother is always Watching You and the Thought Police can practically read your mind, Winston is a man in grave danger for the simple reason that his memory still functions.
A Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Don't leave Earth without this hilarious international bestseller about the end of the world and the happy-go-lucky days that follow...about the worst Thursday that ever happened and why the Universe is a lot safer if you bring a towel.
Acceptance	Susan Coll	Acceptance is a satire of America's overachievers, a novel set over one year in the college application process, when students and parents surrender their evenings, their weekends, and their sanity to the race for admission.
The Good Soldier	Ford Maddox Ford	Stylistically daring, <i>The Good Soldier</i> is narrated, unreliably, by the naïve Dowell, through whom Ford provides a level of bitter irony. Called the best French novel in the English language, <i>The Good Soldier</i> is both tragic and darkly comic, and it established Ford as an important contributor to the development of literary modernism.
Brick Lane	Monica Ali	A captivating read from a debut novelist, <i>Brick Lane</i> brings the immigrant milieu of East London to vibrant life. With great poignancy, Ali illuminates a foreign world; her well-developed characters pull readers along on a deeply psychological, almost spiritual journey.
Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro	It is almost literally a novel about humanity: what constitutes it, what it means, how it can be honored or denied. These little children, and the adults they eventually become, are brought up to serve humanity in the most astonishing and selfless ways, and the humanity they achieve in so doing makes us realize that in a new world the word must be redefined.

Lost City of Z	David Grann	David Grann re-covers this ground in <i>The Lost City of Z</i> . Grann, a staff writer for <i>The New Yorker</i> , is both more thorough and more reliable than most of Fawcett's chroniclers; he follows the explorer from his childhood in England through his military service in Ceylon, his years as a spy in the Middle East, an Amazon explorer, a soldier, and, finally, the victim of his own need to find the aptly named Z, the last letter in the alphabet of his travels.
The Razor's Edge	W. Somerset Maugham	The Great War changed everything and the years following it were tumultuous - most of all for those who lived the war first-hand. Battered physically and spiritually by the war, Larry's physical wounds heal, but his spirit is changed almost beyond recognition.
The Ministry of Fear	Graham Greene	For Arthur Rowe the charity fête was a trip back to childhood, to innocence, a welcome chance to escape the terror of the Blitz, to forget twenty years of his past and a murder...Then he guesses the weight of the cake, and from that moment on he's a hunted man, the target of shadowy killers, on the run and struggling to remember and to find the truth.
House of Cards	William D. Cohan	Written with the novelistic verve and insider knowledge that made <i>The Last Tycoons</i> a bestseller and a prize winner, <i>House of Cards</i> is a chilling cautionary tale about greed, arrogance, and stupidity in the financial world, and the consequences for all of us.
In Defense of Food	Michael Pollan	Pollan contends, quite persuasively, that we who partake in a Western diet could stand to make a few serious changes in our approach to food. And if you think you're safe just because you rarely sample the goods in the supermarket snack section, well, put down that "heart-healthy" name-brand loaf of bread and stop smirking: Pollan maintains that you too are likely a victim of what he's termed the Nutritional Industrial Complex.
Lords of Finance: The Bankers Who Broke the World	Liaquat Ahamed	With penetrating insights for today, this vital history of the world economic collapse of the late 1920s offers unforgettable portraits of the four men whose personal and professional actions as heads of their respective central banks changed the course of the 20th century.

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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>