

## Honors English 12 Summer Reading Assignment 2021

You will choose your own book to read this summer. Your guidelines are as follows:

1. You may not choose a book you have read, or are reading, for any other class in this school.
2. Your book may be **fiction or nonfiction**.
3. **Your book must have won or been nominated for a literary prize.** I am including links to websites which have excellent lists of awards, but there are some not on these lists which you could find on your own. For example, the CASEY award is for the best baseball book written in a given year. If you are interested in reading something about a particular subject—such as baseball—just run a search for award-winning books on that subject.

There truly is something that each one of you should want to read. If you like science fiction and fantasy, you might look for books that have won the Nebula Award; fans of crime fiction would enjoy Dagger Award winners; and the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award are given for both fiction and nonfiction.

Some websites to help you with the award categories:

<https://www.bookbrowse.com/awards/#jump-2>

<https://worldsoccertalk.com/2020/03/21/top-20-soccer-book-recommendations/>

<https://nebulas.sfwva.org/award/best-novel/>

<https://www.powells.com/awards>

4. **Your choice must be adult-level, not a book that has won a children's or YA (young adult) award** (therefore, although the Newbery prize, for example, is indeed a major award, you are not allowed to read a Newbery winner for this project). **PLEASE CHECK** that your chosen work is not YA (this is usually indicated on the book's cover). Many popular authors, such as John Green and Veronica Cartwright, are YA writers. If you have any doubt, email me the title and author.
5. Please avoid “awards” that are clearly not major (such as a blogger’s “top ten” or those endless lists that pop up on amazon.com and Facebook newsfeeds).
6. Please choose a book that you and your family consider appropriate.
7. Next, find a full-length review (longer than a couple of paragraphs) of your book from a reputable newspaper, magazine, or journal. Because your book won a major award, you should have no difficulty finding reviews. Read and print out or bookmark the review of your choice.

8. Bring your book, the book review (or the link for it), and your laptop on the first full day of class. You will be writing an essay responding to a prompt based on your reading.
9. If you have questions about the suitability of your book or review choices, email me over the summer ([kkay@jp2falcons.org](mailto:kkay@jp2falcons.org)).
10. Have a great summer!