



**South County High School
AP Literature and Composition
Summer 2018 Reading Assignment**

All students registered for AP Literature for the 2018-2019 academic school year, must read a novel of their choice that has been the winner one of the following prestigious awards in fiction. Some winning books are already part of the SCHS English Curriculum; do not choose a title that was taught in English class at South County in 9th-11th grades. These are the awards:

- PEN/Faulkner Award
- Man Booker Prize
- National Book Award for Fiction
- Women's Prize for Fiction (formerly Orange Prize)
- Pulitzer Prize for Fiction

As you read, consider the following topics and issues:

- ◆ Writing Style (syntax, diction, etc.)
- ◆ Theme
- ◆ Characterization
- ◆ Tone
- ◆ Voice
- ◆ Plot
- ◆ Figurative Language (metaphor, simile, personification, etc.)
- ◆ Imagery
- ◆ Anything else worthy of note

In your first days of school you should expect to discuss and write on the various aspects of your novel. This may happen in the forms of small and large group discussions as well as individual conferences with your teacher. You may be asked to write on these issues in short writing prompts as well as in a full length essays.

You will be required to have a copy of your chosen text with you in class during the first weeks of school. As there are so many titles of books to choose from, it is important for you to keep in mind that the school does not have copies of these titles for classroom use, so you will need to either buy a copy, or secure one from a public library for use during the first few weeks of school. You will need to refer to your novel during the first days and weeks of school during classroom instruction.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Armstrong kearmstrong@fcps.edu, Ms. Sohn chsohn@fcps.edu, or Mr. Ketch tketch@fcps.edu for clarification. Ms. Strong, our librarian, has created the following site to help you find the award winning books: <http://schslibrary.wix.com/literary-awards>. You can find the official web pages for these contests by doing a web search on a site like Google. Please do not wait until the last minute to ask for clarification or begin the assignment.