**AP Literature Summer Reading Assignment—2021**

* *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
* *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
* *A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest J. Gaines
* *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
* *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
* *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
* *A Doll’s House* by Henrik Ibsen
* *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* by Ken Kesey
* *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy
* *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller
* *The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien
* *1984* by George Orwell
* *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger
* *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley
* *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
* *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
* *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain
* *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker
* *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton
* *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams

**ASSIGNMENT:** Your task, as a future AP Literature student, is to read a minimum of 3 of the novels/plays from this list this summer (3 of which, by the way, that you have never read before), and then do a 4x6 card for each one you read (See back.). Yeah, I know 3 novels sounds like a lot, but reading texts is what we do in this class, so this will be some excellent practice for your brain over the summer. And, just so you know, we will be doing something with these readings the first several weeks of school, so maybe a few notes here and there would be helpful for you to have in your possession.

**Resources:** There are different ways for you to obtain these texts, so please do what’s most convenient for you:

* Purchase your own copy (not required)
* Check out from the Shadle Park bookroom (call ahead)
* Check out from the local library (physical texts or virtual ones on devices)
* Find some other digital platform to download onto a device

**Important Note:** This assignment is all about *enrichment*—enriching your mind by reading some classic texts of literature. Even though it concerns me to tell you this, I must—this assignment will not be graded, *per se*. However, we will be using this assignment as a very specific jumping-off point to start our year together, so please make it a focal point of your summer to do some reading!

**Questions?** Please email me ([robertar@spokaneschools.org](mailto:robertar@spokaneschools.org)) and I will get back to you at my earliest convenience.