

## Outside Reading Assignment

This year, you will be reading two outside reading books. You may choose texts off of the provided reading list or a text of your choice. Regardless of where you get your book choice, you must always approve your book with me before you start reading. Even if you have read an entire book before coming to see me, if I do not approve it, then you will need to choose another text. You must approve the book with me before the required due date or you will lose 10 points!

For the book you choose, you will be completing a reading log. This is a typed assignment. As you read, you will take notes on the text. Please provide me with the number of pages in your book at the top of the page. This assignment should be formatted into two columns. For every 10-20 pages in the text, pull out a quotation that you feel is significant to the theme, character development, as a symbol, or as a vital connection to the plot. Type your quotation with page number in the left column. It should be a significant quote (at least 4-5 lines). In the right column, discuss how and why you feel this is significant to the text. This should be a minimum of 7-10 lines in length. **DO NOT JUST SUMMARIZE YOUR QUOTATION!** You will not receive any credit for just doing a summary. I can read the quotation myself - tell me why it is important! You should have no less than 12 entries in the reading log.

Reading Logs must be submitted to turnitin.com to deter and prevent the temptation of plagiarism. This will compare your assignment with all information on websites and any assignments previously turned in to me. I will also be checking your quotes with those listed as the most important in Sparknotes, etc. I consider that plagiarism as well if you have no original quotes of your own.

### Due Dates

#### Book 1

- ✓ Get your book approved by me by: Friday September 5, 2014 (or lose 10 points!)
- ✓ Final day to turn in book logs: Friday December 5, 2014

#### Book 2

- ✓ Get your book approved by me by: Friday January 30, 2015 (or lose 10 points!)
- ✓ Final day to turn in book logs: Friday May 22, 2015