

Summer Reading Assignment 2017
English 11 American Literature
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Hello Class of 2019! I hope you're enjoying your summer and looking forward to a great junior year!

In preparation for English 11 American Literature, you will be choosing a summer reading selection from the books below:

Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee by Dee Brown
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay by Michael Chabon
True Grit by Charles Portis

Choose someone you know, maybe someone who has read this book also or someone you feel would find the book meaningful, to write to about the book you chose. In your letter, describe your impressions of elements such as the characters, setting, plot, and theme or rhetorical purpose of the book. You should quote lines or passages that you found meaningful or puzzling or maddening. Please note that you need not claim to love the book, but you should be able to thoughtfully discuss whatever reactions you describe. Don't spoil the ending if your letter recipient hasn't read the book yet. This assignment will be due at the start of your second English class in the fall, and then we'll be sending your letters out, so make sure you have an address or email address.

In addition to the letter, there will be an in-class writing response based on your summer reading. We'll discuss that when you get to class.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all in class in September. Have a great summer!

Ms. Bentley Hoke