English III Summer Reading  
2016-2017  

The "summer" reading needs to be completed before the beginning of your junior English class. If you have English in the spring, you may want to wait until sometime close to the beginning of spring semester to do the reading. You WILL still be expected to do it, though, so don't forget about it.

The Vault (NHS library) and local public libraries have copies of most of the works listed. However, there are limited number of copies. Keep in mind that many students will be looking for the same books, so don't wait until a week before school starts to begin trying to find a book.

Merit:
All students enrolled in Merit English III will be expected to read at least one work from the list below.

During the first week or two of the semester, you will be writing an essay on the book you've chosen. As you read, consider what theme the author seems to be developing and how various literary elements (characterization, conflict, etc.) contribute to this theme. Make note of any significant passages so that you will be able to find them easily when you write your essay.

General:
General English III students are encouraged, but not required, to read at least one work from the list below.

Summer Reading Options:
The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
**Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
**Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

**These works contain some mature language and/or brief scenes dealing with mature subjects. If you are uncomfortable with this, you'll want to choose a different work.