Downingtown Area School District, STEM Academy
Summer Reading Assignment 2019-2020

For 12th grade English HL and SL Literature

The following novels will be studied during 12th grade:

Fall Semester
* Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell
* The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

Spring Semester
HL: Higher Level Lit
* As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner
* Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court* by Mark Twain
* Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston
* Native Son* by Richard Wright

SL: Standard Level Lit
* A Mercy* by Toni Morrison
* The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy
* The Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

**Summer Reading:**

It is HIGHLY recommended that students read as many of the books as possible and then review them when studied during the school year.

For each novel, you must read the work and be able to present extensive notes. Notes may be formatted using Cornell Notes, colored coding, or any other organization that is useable for you. The expectation is that summer work is an introduction to works that you will need to reread and revisit throughout the year when they are studied as works of literature. Though you are not required to have any product of research to turn in for evaluation, you should do some research to acquire political, cultural, historical information as well as a background of the author.

Have a safe and happy summer!