

Sophomores (Soon-to-be-Juniors):

Your summer reading assignment is to EXPLORE NOVELS. That's right...what could be more fun? Sample several fictional works that have caught your eye, and be prepared to present ONE NOVEL OF LITERARY MERIT in class on the first day back. You may not use a novel you have previously read because your goal is to present a new summer discovery. You have to read only ONE novel to present, but it must be one you read during the summer of 2010 and LOVE.

So what is a novel of literary merit? It is a novel with plot, theme, characterization, setting, and writing style that is masterful. The author of such a work might already appear on an IB or an AP reading list, or he/she might appear on such a list once he is "discovered" (just as *you* have discovered him or her).

In your presentation (complete with a worthy, beautiful, intelligently considered visual aid), be prepared to assess the weakest and strongest elements of the writer's skill. By presenting your novel, you are saying, "I, an educated critic of literature, recommend this."

FORMAT FOR PRESENTATION (3-4 minutes only) and point value for grading:  
(10 points for staying within time limit)

\*Title and author

\*How the visual aid relates (10 points for making the connection; 25 points for effort and aesthetic appeal of the visual)

\*Strongest literary element (15 points for justification)

\*Weakest literary element (15 points for justification)

\*Why you think the book is or could become a "literary classic" (15 points for justification)

\*Why you recommend it (10 points)

Don't tell the plot. You want to encourage others to "discover" the book, too.

Enjoy...