

**ENGLISH II
SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
2021**

Directions: Choose one of the following books and assignments to complete over the course of the summer. This assignment is NOT optional: all students must complete this assignment. The Summer Assignment is due on the second day of school. This assignment will be worth 100 points on the Summative (test) side of the grading scale in my class. I will take 10% off each day the assignment is late the first week. After the first week, the assignment is worth only 50% of its original points (50pts.).

BOOKS: (CHOOSE ONE)

1. **Forged by Fire, by Sharon Draper**

2. **The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan**

3. ***Oedipus Rex*, by Sophocles**

4. **The Book Thief, by Markus Zusak**

ASSIGNMENTS (CHOOSE ONE)

1. **Thematic Analysis:** Create a presentation which lasts at least 5 minutes and analyzes the theme of the novel. Include at least 5 visual aids and your sources in the presentation. Be sure not to merely describe, identify, or summarize.

2. **Symbolism Analysis:** Create a presentation which lasts at least 5 minutes and analyzes the symbolism in the novel. Include at least 5 visual aids and your sources in the presentation. Be sure not to merely describe, identify, or summarize.

3. **Conflict Analysis:** Create a presentation which lasts at least 5 minutes and analyzes the conflict in the novel. Include at least 5 visual aids and your sources in the presentation. Be sure not to merely describe, identify, or summarize.

4. **Cultural Analysis:** Create a presentation which lasts at least 5 minutes and analyzes the importance on the novel in terms of offering an example of native culture. In other words, how does this novel support, encourage, challenge, or defy the national ideals and beliefs of the country in which it is set or from which the author originates. Include at least 5 visual aids and your sources in your presentation. Be sure not to merely describe, identify, or summarize.