

OUTSIDE READING LIST: ENGLISH 11 AND ENGLISH 11 HONORS 2009-2010

English 11 - **Huckleberry Finn** - Mark Twain
A Lesson Before Dying – Ernest Gaines
Plus one additional book from the list below.

English 11 Honors - **As I Lay Dying** - William Faulkner
Animal Dreams - Barbara Kingsolver
A Lesson Before Dying – Ernest Gaines
Plus one additional book from the list below.

*Be prepared for tests over these books during the first week of school.
You will be required to read one book per quarter from the following list:*

Julia Alvarez	<u>In the Time of the Butterflies</u> <i>A fictionalized version of the story of real-life sisters who died fighting the oppressive regime of General Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.</i>
Ed Abbey	<u>Desert Solitaire</u> <i>Observations, reflections and opinions based on the author's time as a park ranger at Arches National Park</i>
Willa Cather	<u>A Lost Lady</u> <i>Set at the turn of the last century, this is the story of a young man's admiration of a woman who desires to be seen as a lady, and his growing ability to see beneath the image she portrays.</i>
Willa Cather	<u>O Pioneers</u> <i>A strong young woman takes on the responsibility for her immigrant family's failing farm during the first wave of European immigration in the plains states.</i>
Kate Chopin	<u>The Awakening</u> <i>The story of a wife and mother's realization that there is more to who she is than the roles her southern, late 19th century society expects her to fill.</i>
Annie Dillard	<u>An American Childhood</u> <i>The Pulitzer Prize winning author's memoir about growing up in the Midwest. A humorous and thought-provoking account of an ordinary childhood's moments of humor, discovery and wonder.</i>
E. L. Doctorow	<u>Ragtime</u> <i>Set in the US of 1902 to 1917, this story brings together real-life figures (Ford, Morgan, Houdini) and fictional characters that made up the social fabric of the American century.</i>
Michael Dorris	<u>The Broken Cord</u> <i>The author adopts a son with behavioral problems and developmental delays then learns the child suffers from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS). This is an engaging narrative as well as an examination of FAS, its causes, and the political and social attitudes toward it.</i>
Ralph Ellison	<u>Invisible Man</u> <i>The reminiscences of a nameless African-American narrator who moves from the South to New York; his experiences cause him to reflect on the way people dehumanize one another.</i>
Gretel Erlich	<u>The Solace of Open Spaces</u> <i>The author writes about her move from New York to Wyoming, where she encounters, cowboys, wildlife, the harshness and the beauty of nature as she works as a sheep</i>

William Faulkner (College Prep)	<i>rancher.</i> <u>As I Lay Dying</u> <i>A family takes its mother through rural Mississippi to bury her while each member of the family - including the mother - takes turns telling the story.</i>
Dashiell Hammett	<u>The Maltese Falcon</u> <i>A mystery, pitting Sam Spade against the quirky cast of characters who want to get their hands on an elusive statue.</i>
Joseph Heller	<u>Catch-22</u> <i>The story of a World War II pilot who realizes the total absurdity of war as he tries to make sense of his own situation in an Air Corps squadron in Italy.</i>
Denise Giardina	<u>Storming Heaven</u> <i>A fictionalized account of the West Virginia coal mining wars of the 1920s and 1930s.</i>
Lillian Hellman	<u>Scoundrel Time</u> <i>Hellman's memories of the McCarthy era and the political persecution she fought.</i>
Ernest Hemingway	<u>The Sun Also Rises</u> <i>World War II veteran, Jake Barnes, and his American expatriot friends travel through Europe, and Jake attempts to cope with both physical and emotional injury.</i>
Ernest Hemingway	<u>A Moveable Feast</u> <i>A memoir of Hemingway's years in Paris with other writers and artists of the lost generation.</i>
Zora Neale Hurston	<u>Their Eyes Were Watching God</u> <i>Returning home, and causing a stir among those who disapproved of her, the powerful and daring Janie Starks recounts her loves and losses to her best friend.</i>
Sarah Orne Jewett	<u>The Country of the Pointed Firs</u> <i>A young woman who spends her summers in an isolated seaport in Maine describes the region and paints vivid portraits of its inhabitants.</i>
William Least Heat Moon	<u>Blue Highways</u> <i>An account of the author's travels along the back roads of the United States and stories of the people he meets along the way.</i>
J. Laurence, R. Lee	<u>Inherit the Wind</u> <i>Based on the Scopes monkey trial, it focuses on opposing attorneys in a case focused on teaching evolution in the public school.</i>
Nathan McCall	<u>Makes Me Wanna Holler</u> <i>Autobiography of a Washington Post reporter who tells the story of his life in the attempt to address why a smart kid from a good working-class African-American family could end up in prison.</i>
Don Marquis	<u>Archy and Mehitabel</u> <i>The humorous collection of poems written by Archy (a cockroach living in a journalist's office) and addressing his world view and life experiences.</i>
William Maxwell	<u>So Long, See You Tomorrow</u> <i>The story of two boys whose friendship is interrupted by violence.</i>
N. Scott Momaday	<u>House Made of Dawn</u> <i>Pulitzer Prize winning novel about a young Native American man unable to be at home in either the white society or his ancestors' society.</i>
Toni Morrison	<u>Song of Solomon</u> <i>The story of four generations of an African-American family revealed as the main character, Milkman Dead, searches to understand the myths from his past.</i>

Gloria Naylor	<u>Mama Day</u> <i>Set on a small island off the Georgia coast, the story of an old woman with healing powers and her independent young great niece who comes from the north to visit.</i>
John Neihardt / Black Elk	<u>Black Elk Speaks</u> <i>The story of the Sioux Indian's life, as told to John Neihardt; his memories include the battle of Little Bighorn and Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West show and the spiritual life of his tribe.</i>
Tim O'Brien	<u>The Things They Carried</u> <i>Stories of the experiences of a single unit of young soldiers in Vietnam.</i>
Reynolds Price	<u>The Tongues of Angels</u> <i>A college-age young man's experiences as a summer camp counselor in the mountains of North Carolina, where he makes a friend who changes his life.</i>
John Steinbeck	<u>East of Eden</u> <i>A dramatic story of two generations of two families, covering a span of time from the Civil War to World War I; it focuses on family, good vs. evil, love, and the roles of free will and fate in our lives.</i>
Henry David Thoreau	<u>Walden</u> <i>Thoreau's account of his time and his thoughts while living in his cabin on Walden Pond.</i>
Mark Twain	<u>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u> <i>The humorous and tragic adventures of a runaway boy and a runaway slave who team up in their escape down the Mississippi River.</i>
Booker T. Washington	<u>Up From Slavery</u> <i>Autobiography of a man who went from slave to educational and social leader.</i>
Tennessee Williams	<u>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</u> <i>A wealthy Southern family's deep conflicts are exposed in an explosive birthday gathering.</i>

It is standard practice that if parents/guardians have a question or concern about a book they are encouraged to talk with the teacher. The parent and teacher should try to find mutually agreeable solutions if concerns still exist. If the classroom teacher is unknown, parents are welcome to contact Mrs. Danica White (whited@wvomingcityschools.org), English teacher, with any questions. Books are available through local bookstores such as: Joseph-Beth, Borders, Barnes and Noble; online sources such as: Amazon.com: <http://www.amazon.com>, Powell's Books: <http://www.powells.com>, Joseph-Beth: <http://www.josephbeth.com>; or through the Cincinnati Public Library and Branch libraries. The Public Library restricts access to some books for readers under 18. Parents can check out these books on their adult card or they can fill out a Parental Authorization Card that permits their under-18-year-old children to check out books on their own cards..