

# Independent Novel Unit

Welcome to the Independent Novel Unit where YOU GET TO CHOOSE! Over the next several weeks, you will be reading and studying a novel of your choice. All novels for selection are classics or modern classics, and contain themes, characters, and situations that are as interesting as they are timeless. You may **NOT** choose a book that you have already read!

What to do:

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Read through the information provided, and then get your hands on the books that interest you, so that you can learn more about each book by reading the back of the books and reading a chapter from each book ("Look Inside" or "Free Sample" on Amazon is a great way to do this).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Discuss your choices with your parents/guardians and encourage them to research your selections as well.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Purchase, download, check out or borrow a copy of your book by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>!
- 4<sup>th</sup> - You and your parent/guardian sign the approval form below and return by Friday, April 15, 2016.

## Approval & Commitment Form

- I have reviewed the novel choices and discussed with my parent/guardian.
- My parent/guardian approves of my selection, and I understand that my choice is final as of Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- I will bring my book to class every day starting Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- I also understand that the Independent Novel Unit will include activities and assignments that will significantly impact my 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks' average.
- I pledge to thoroughly read my book.
- I promise that I have not read this book before and that I am not currently past the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.
- I promise to continue reading a novel in class even after I have finished reading the book listed below.
- I understand that the Independent Novel designated in this contract is the one I must use for all Independent Novel assignments.
- I will not bother anyone or call attention to the fact that I am reading a different book than my classmates.
- I will work on the activity or assignment for the entire class period on designated days.

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TITLE AND AUTHOR OF INDEPENDENT NOVEL

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PRINTED NAME OF STUDENT

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CLASS PERIOD

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STUDENT SIGNATURE

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DATE

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- I understand that literature sometimes includes undesirable language and/or sensitive subject matter.
  - I understand that Mrs. Orepitan thoroughly encourages both my student and myself to research the book s/he chooses before making a commitment.
  - I have reviewed my student's selections and approve of his/her novel choices.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

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DATE