

## INDEPENDENT READING ASSIGNMENT

Each grading period students will engage in Independent Reading from a **literary novel** of choice for English I on-level (appropriate high school reading level and length—150+ pages). The students will be required to complete a grade level book and project every 6 weeks.

The Independent Reading Assignment will be due on or before the assigned date. This assignment may be completed and submitted early, but will be considered late if not submitted by the due date.

Each class period students will have 10-15 minutes for Sustained Silent Reading (SSR). SSR time is strictly designated for reading (unless the classroom teacher designates otherwise.) Students should plan to read for their Independent Reading Assignment during SSR time and must have their Independent Reading Novel with them in class each day. **SSR is not time to work on assignments or homework for this or any other class.**

In addition to SSR time, students will need to read outside the classroom for approximately 20-30 minutes daily (or more) in order to finish their novels and complete the assignment on time.

Students are to have novels selected and with them in class starting September 10<sup>th</sup>. Prior to September 10<sup>th</sup> students are invited to check out books from their English Teacher's Classroom Library. Also, electronic books may be selected for this assignment (no cell phones), and the GHS Library and Greenville Public Library both offer books that students may check out—please be aware of the due dates for returning books from either library.

**Please be aware that students will be allowed to pick their own books. This means that parents with any reservations about what their student is reading will need to monitor what their books their student has chosen to read. If any parent has an issue with a book's content, then that book may be exchanged with another book. However, the student will not be allowed any more time on their project because of a book change, so if a book change is needed, please try to do so in the first week of checkouts. If you have overall reservations about certain content, please contact me and we can discuss how to handle book selection.**

If you have any questions about the SSR books or projects, please do not hesitate to contact me at 903-453-3670 or at [mcclurea@greenvilleisd.com](mailto:mcclurea@greenvilleisd.com).

*Signatures below indicate approval of novel selection.*

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Because students will have novels with them at all times, absences will not extend the due date for this assignment, unless there are extreme circumstances.**