Tenth Grade and Tenth Grade Honors (American Literature)
Dr. East
Required: 2 books

Instructions:
1. NUMBER OF BOOKS TO BE READ:
   Each student is expected to read 3 works over the summer taken from the following list.
   - Book 1: should be from List 1—19th and 20th centuries
   - Book 2: should be from List 2—Non fiction
   - Book 3: All School Required Read: The common book that everyone reads will be our jumping off point as we begin in August. The use of a common read gives us a shared experience upon which we can build as we start the year.

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   **** All Read (required): Grit by Angela Duckworth
   "In this instant New York Times bestseller, pioneering psychologist Angela Duckworth shows anyone striving to succeed—be it parents, students, educators, athletes, or business people—that the secret to outstanding achievement is not talent but a special blend of passion and persistence she calls "grit.”" -- Publisher's description.

2. ASSESSMENT: all assessment will be rated at the value of a test score.
   For the common read. The student will be asked to compose a short reflection (as a journal entry) sometime during the first week of school.
   For the two remaining works, the student will be expected to respond, in the opening weeks of school, to prompts that have to do with the THEME, CHARACTER, or PLOT of the works selected.
   These responses will be graded for quality of thought and will be used to assess student compliance with the assignment as well as serve as a diagnostic to gauge student improvement over the course of the year.

Prompt Examples:
Describe the central conflict(s) faced by the leading character and how that character effectively or ineffectively deals with the conflict.
Show how an important symbol is used to contribute to the central meaning of the work.
How does the structure (point of view, order of events, time, subplots) contribute to the central idea of the novel, or work?

LIST ONE
19th and 20th Century

Brown, Charles Brockden. Edgar Huntley
Cooper, James Fennimore. The Last of the Mohicans
Chopin, Kate. The Awakening
Crane, Stephen. Any FOUR short stories.
Douglas, Frederick. The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas, an American Slave
Garland, Hamlin. Main-Travelled Roads
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. Any FOUR short stories.
Howells, William D. The Rise of Silas Lapham
Irving, Washington. Sleepy Hollow
Jewett, Sara Orne. Any FOUR short stories.
London, Jack. The Call of the Wild
Melville, Herman. Any FOUR short stories.
Norris, Frank. Octopus
Perkins, Charlotte. The Yellow Wallpaper
Poe, Edgar Allan. Any FOUR short stories.
Sinclair, Upton. The Jungle
Wharton, Edith. Any FOUR short stories
Wharton, Edith. Ethan Frome

20th Century
Anderson, Sherwood. Winesburg, Ohio.
Brady, Ray. Fahrenheit 451
Cather, Willa. My Antonia
Ellison, Ralph. The Invisible man
Erdrich, Louise. Love Medicine
Faulkner, William. As I Lay Dying
Hemingway, Ernest. Any FOUR short stories.
Heller, Joseph. *Catch-22*
Hurston, Zora Neal. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*
Irving, John. *The Cider House Rules*
Kerouac, Jack. *On the Road*
Lee, Harper. *To Kill a Mockingbird*
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Lewis, Sinclair. *Mainstreet*
Malamud, Bernard. *The Natural*
Morrison, Toni. *The Bluest Eye*
Moon, William Least Heat. *Blue Highways*
O’Brien, Tim. *The Things They Carried*
Plath, Sylvia. *The Bell Jar*
Steinbeck, John. *The Pearl*
Steinbeck, John. *Of Mice and Men*
Vonnegut, Kurt. *Slaughterhouse-Five*
Walker, Alice. *The Color Purple*
Wolff, Tobias. *Old School*
Wright, Richard. *Native Son*

**List Two**

Krakauer, Krakauer *Into Thin Air* (climbing Mt. Everest)
Lansing, Alfred *Endurance* (1914 attempt to reach the south pole)
Ginsberg, Ruth *My Own Words*
Ralston, Aaron *Between a Rock and a Hard Place* (surviving a mountain climb without an arm)
Callahan, Steven *Adrift* (76 days at sea)
Ambrose, Stephen *Undaunted Courage* (story of the Lewis and Clark Expedition)
Junger, Sebastian *The Perfect Storm* (story of ships caught in a massive storm)
Kranz, Steve *Failure is Not an Option* (saving Apollo 13)
Hirshman, Linda *Sisters in Law*: (how Ginsburg and O’connor changed the world)
Wolfe, Tom *The Right Stuff* (story of selection of future astronauts)
Ambrose, Stephen *Nothing Like it in the World* (building transcontinental railroad)
Hiltzik, Michael *Colossus* (building the Hoover Dam)
McNichol, Dan *The Roads that Built America* (the history of our interstate system)
Oshinsky, David *Polio: an American Story*
Kiernan, Denise *The Girls of Atomic City* (women who helped win WWII)
Yergin, Daniel *The Prize: The Epic Quest for Oil, Money, and Power*
Price, Stephen *The Fish That Changed America* (large mouth bass fishing)
Sobel, Dava *Longitude* (the race to measure longitude—and develop the watch)
Kurlansky, Mark *Cod: A Biography of a Fish that Changed the World*