

## Harrison High School: American Literature Pre-Course Reading Assignment



**Instructions:** You may choose ONE of the following books to read for your pre-course assignment. You may choose from any level, and the level clarifications are provided to help guide you in your selection.

Read your selection carefully and thoroughly. Choose one of the following assignment options. This assignment must be completed in its entirety and ready to submit by **JANUARY 21**. Please make sure to follow the grading rubric below. This assignment counts as a major grade. Work hard, and have fun!

Level	Book Title
<b>Level 1</b> These historical fiction novels are relatively short and use simple vocabulary and stylistic elements.	<i>A Break with Charity</i> by Ann Rinaldi  <i>Cast Two Shadows</i> by Ann Rinaldi  <i>Or Give Me Death</i> by Ann Rinaldi
<b>Level 2</b> These novels employ grade-level vocabulary. However, they also include some complex stylistic elements and mature subject matter.	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie  <i>Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers</i> by Lois-Ann Yamanaka
<b>Level 3</b> This novel is longer than books in the other levels, and it employs advanced-level vocabulary and complex stylistic elements.	<i>The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing</i> by Matthew Tobin (M.T.) Anderson

### Option #1- Digital Scrapbook

1. Go to [www.weebly.com](http://www.weebly.com).
2. Register/Create your own account.
3. Delete pre-existing images by clicking on the image and then clicking on the trashcan.
4. Click on wall to change the background.
5. Click on text to include your written components (you must press edit to add text).
6. Click on image to upload pictures.
7. Click on sound to upload your songs. You can also link a YouTube video if Weebly makes you upgrade to a Premium account to add music.

**Split the book into 10 even sections (each should be about 2 chapters). You must create 10 Weebly pages. Each Weebly page must cover one section and include:**

- two important quotes from each section (make sure to include correct parenthetical citations with author's last name and page number)
- one song that you choose to represent the section (make sure to include song names and artists in written text)
- at least three relevant images per section
- an original journal entry from the point of view of the main character (at least one paragraph/5-7 sentences) per section
- a brief personal response/reflection to each section (at least 3 sentences)

**IMPORTANT:** After completing a page, please preview your work because grammar and spelling will be assessed. Once you have made any necessary adjustments, you may press save and publish.

**You will submit the link to your assignment via a digital form provided by your teacher.**

**Tip:** Be sure to complete each page immediately after reading the section. Do not wait until the last minute in order to avoid becoming overwhelmed!

## ***Option #2- Hand Crafted or Digital Scrapbook and CD Cover***

**Split the book into 10 even sections (each should be about 2 chapters). You must create one scrapbook page per section.**

**Each scrapbook page must include:**

- three important quotes from each section (make sure to include correct parenthetical citations)
- at least four relevant images per section
- an original journal entry from the main character (at least one paragraph/5-7 sentences each) per section
- a brief personal response to each section (at least one paragraph sentences/5-7 sentences)

This should look like a professional, polished scrapbook. You must include color, and you may not use lined notebook paper. If you have chosen the handcrafter option, please compile your completed pages into a scrapbook or decorated binder, and take pictures of your work. Instructions for uploading will be provided upon your return to school.

**Tip:** Be sure to complete each page immediately after reading the section. Do not wait until the last minute in order to avoid becoming overwhelmed!

**You must also create a soundtrack for the book you have chosen with at least 10 songs. Instructions for uploading will be provided upon your return to school.**

**Your soundtrack will be represented in a CD cover booklet which must include:**

- Front- cover art (must represent theme of story)
- Inside- song names and artists (one song per section; must reflect section) and brief synopsis of why each song was chosen (at least one sentence)
- Back- book title and author

ALL AMERICAN LITERATURE STUDENTS are **highly** encouraged to complete the following Prerequisite Vocabulary and Skills handout:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X7MmTGZ5nFshfUMaSGF\\_Aloyi\\_xH3SBCj5P1XyrIspU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X7MmTGZ5nFshfUMaSGF_Aloyi_xH3SBCj5P1XyrIspU/edit?usp=sharing)

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## *Grading Rubric*

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle One:**                      Digital Scrapbook                      Hand-crafted Scrapbook

\_\_\_/5 points- Cover Page: The first page should include a picture and the title and author of your book.

\_\_\_/5 points- Assignment Description and Rubric: These should be the second and third pages in your scrapbook.

\_\_\_/20 points- Aesthetics: How does it look? Make sure your assignment is pleasing to the eyes.

\_\_\_/70 points- Content: Does it include all of the necessary components?

Digital Scrapbook	Hand-Crafted Scrapbook & CD Cover
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Weebly account</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 10 Sections/10 Weebly pages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each page has 2 important quotations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each quotation has a correct parenthetical citation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 song for each section, including song names and artists</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3 relevant images per section</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 journal entry per section from the POV of the main character of at least 5-7 sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brief personal response per section of at least 3 sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Correct grammar and spelling</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submitted appropriately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 10 Sections/10 scrapbook pages</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each section has 3 important quotations</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each quotation has a correct parenthetical citation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> At least 4 relevant images per section</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 1 journal entry per section from the POV of the main character of at least 5-7 sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brief personal response per section of at least 5-7 sentences</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Included in a folder or binder</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Looks like a professional, polished scrapbook</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Includes color</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Does not include lined notebook paper</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Soundtrack for the book with at least 10 songs</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Front cover art represents theme of story</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Inside of CD cover includes song names and artists (1 per chapter)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Brief synopsis of why each song was chosen (at least 1 sentence)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Back includes book title and author</li> </ul>

**Score:    /100**

Additional Comments: