

AP English 12 – Award Winning Reading Assignment

This semester you must choose 1 book to read outside of class. You may choose any book from the list below. We will dedicate time in-class to reading these books. When you are finished you will complete a creative project about the book and present it to the class. You may choose to read with a group (forming a small book club) or by yourself.

Book Selection DUE: Friday, March 18

Book Check-in (must have the book): Thursday, March 24

Book Fully Read: Monday, April 25

Choose from the following books. *If you would like another award winning book not on this list, you may request it NO LATER than Tuesday March 15!*

National Book Award

2015:

- Fiction – *Fortune Smiles: Stories* by Adam Johnson
- Non-Fiction – *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates*
- Poetry – *Voyage of the Sable Venus* (Alfred A. Knopf)

2014:

- Fiction—*Redeployment* by Phil Klay*
- Non-Fiction – *Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China* by Evan Osnos
- Poetry—*Faithful and Virtuous Night* by Louise Gluck

2013:

- Fiction—*The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride*
- Non-Fiction—*The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer
- Poetry—*Incarnadine* by Mary Szybist

2012:

- Fiction—*The Round House* by Louise Erdrich
- Non-Fiction—*Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo
- Poetry—*Bewilderment: New Poems and Translations* by David Ferry

2011:

- Fiction—*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward
- Non-Fiction—*The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt
- Poetry—*Head Off & Split* by Nikky Finney

2010:

- Fiction—*Lord of Misrule* by Jaimy Gordon
- Non-Fiction—*Just Kids* by Patti Smith
- Poetry—*Lighthouse* by Terrance Hayes

Nobel Prize in Literature

May choose any book by the following authors

2015: Svetlana Alexievich

2014: Patrick Modiano

2013: Alice Munro*

2012: Mo Yan

2011: Tomas Tranströmer

2010: Mario Vargas Llosa

Pulitzer Prize

2015:

- Fiction—*All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr*
- Non-Fiction—*The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert

2014:

- Fiction—*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt*
- Non-Fiction—*Tom's River: A Story of Science and Salvation* by Dan Fagin

2013:

- Fiction—*The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson*
- Non-Fiction—*Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America* by Gilbert King

2012:

- Fiction—No Award Given
- Non-Fiction-- *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern* by Stephen Greenblatt

2011:

- Fiction—*A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan
- Non-Fiction—*The Emperor of all Maladies: A Biography of Cancer* by Siddhartha Mukherjee

2010:

- Fiction—*Tinkers* by Paul Harding
- Non-Fiction—*The Dead Hand: The Untold Story of the Cold War Arms Race and Its Dangerous Legacy* by David E. Hoffman