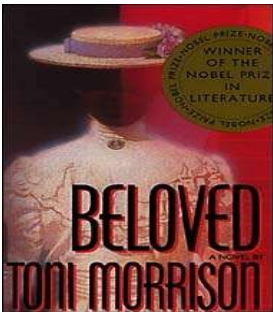


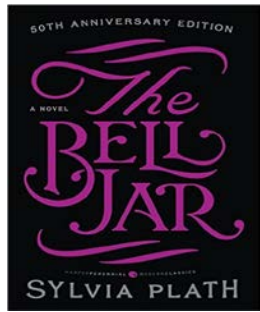
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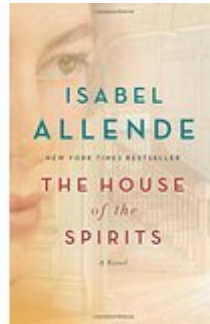
Students entering Advanced American Literature are asked to select **one** of the novels below and read it over the summer. Students will **read and take notes** over the novel. The notes are required and will be collected and assessed when students arrive in the fall. In addition to reading and taking notes, students will write an **in-class** essay over this book.



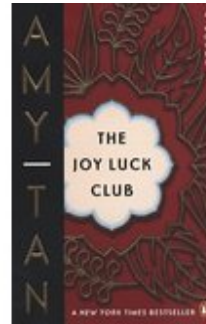
**Toni Morrison**  
*BeLoved*



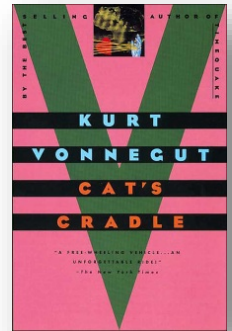
**Sylvia Plath**  
*The Bell Jar*



**Isabel Allende**  
*The House of the Spirits*



**Amy Tan**  
*The Joy Luck Club*



**Kurt Vonnegut**  
*Cat's Cradle*

**On your own paper** create a chart like the sample below and use the chart to take notes. Please use 8½" x11" paper without fringes. Use **blue or black ink**, or type this chart and print it out.

title and author:
plot summary:
main characters and brief description of each:
minor characters and brief description of each:
setting (time and place story occurs)
theme (One theme that gives the reader insight into human life is ... ) add relevant symbols and motifs and explain:
literary elements (flashback, foreshadowing, irony...) and extra story notes:
conflict (describe ):

## Book Orders:

Every year, students need a set of novels or texts that they can annotate (so it cannot be a library book). We use a bulk supplier that allows us to purchase these books at a reduced price. You may choose to order one or more of these books from us or you can supply your own. This year, 10th graders will need to purchase these books: (Academy prices are listed)

Ceremony (\$11.50)  
Crucible (\$10.00)  
Go Tell it On the Mountain (\$6.00)  
Taming of the Shrew (\$6.00)  
The Great Gatsby (\$12.00)  
Medea (\$2.00)

After July 16, when you go through online registration for your home school, you'll have the opportunity to order and pay for the books you need for your Academy English class. This can be very convenient because you can order and pay all at once without filling out any other forms.

But you do have other options.

If you do not want to pay for the books during the online registration then you can order your books with this [LINK](#). (Only use this link if you do NOT order and pay for books during online registration.) Kim Kinney, Office Manager at Academy, will manually add your order to your child's fee page in Infinite Campus. NOTE: this link is for 10th grade only. If you have other children taking English at Academy, you'll get another email similar to this one with the link for that class. Each child must be entered separately.

Families who qualify for a textbook fee reduction or exemption, will also receive their English books for free or at a reduced price. Place your order using the link above and we will automatically credit your child's account as appropriate.