**Advanced American Literature**

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Advanced American Literature Team

Students entering Advanced American Literature are asked to select **one** of the novels below and read it over the summer. Studentswill **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.

  

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| **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.

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| 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 ): |