

## **Advanced Sophomore English Summer Reading 2022-2023**

Students enrolled in Advanced Sophomore English for the 2022-23 school year must complete the following summer assignment. Your work is due the **FIRST FRIDAY** after school begins (Sept. 2nd). You will submit on **Google Classroom** during the first week of school (I will explain more on the first day). Please email me at [erin.delk@cslocal.org](mailto:erin.delk@cslocal.org) with any questions (but do not email me your assignment, please).

### **Instructions/Background:**

*\*You don't have to answer any of these questions yet, but we will be discussing them in class throughout the unit. I just wanted to get you thinking!*

- The first unit we will dive into is called “The Individual and Society,” where we will analyze what it means to be unique individuals and how individual people fit into society as a whole.
- Some main questions we will be looking at include:
  - What role does individualism play in American Society?
  - When is it difficult to march to the beat of a “different drummer” and stand on your own as an individual?
  - What is nonconformity? What are the risks and rewards of nonconformity?

### **Your Assignment:**

- **Read a book (or books)!**
  - Must be over 200 pages
- **Write an essay answering the following questions:**
  - Does your book fit into the theme of “The Individual and Society”? If so, how? If not, explain.
  - Do your characters fit into society? Or do they challenge societal norms? Explain.
- **Requirements:**
  - Make sure you list the following things about your book:
    - Title
    - Author
    - Year it was written
  - Make sure your essay has:
    - Thesis
    - Intro, Body, Conclusion (There is no word or page requirement)
    - Textual evidence (cited)
  - Give me background info!
    - Before you begin answering the main questions, be sure to tell me who your main characters are, when/where the story takes place, and what the conflict is.