

Students should choose **one** book from the following list:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

GUY MONTAG IS A FIREMAN who burns books in a futuristic American city. In [Montag](#)'s world, firemen start fires rather than putting them out. The people in this society do not read books, enjoy nature, spend time by themselves, think independently, or have meaningful conversations. Instead, they drive very fast, watch excessive amounts of television on wall-size sets, and listen to the radio on "Seashell Radio" sets attached to their ears.

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

JANIE CRAWFORD, an attractive, confident, middle-aged black woman, returns to Eatonville, Florida, after a long absence. The black townspeople gossip about her and -speculate about where she has been and what has happened to her young husband, [Tea Cake](#). They take her confidence as aloofness, but [Janie](#)'s friend [Pheoby Watson](#) sticks up for her. Pheoby visits her to find out what has happened. Their conversation frames the story that Janie relates.

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

BUCK, A POWERFUL DOG, half St. Bernard and half sheepdog, lives on [Judge Miller](#)'s estate in California's Santa Clara Valley. He leads a comfortable life there, but it comes to an end when men discover gold in the Klondike region of Canada and a great demand arises for strong dogs to pull sleds. [Buck](#) is kidnapped by a gardener on the Miller estate and sold to dog traders, who teach Buck to obey by beating him with a club and, subsequently, ship him north to the Klondike.

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers

UNCERTAIN OF HIS FUTURE GOALS, seventeen-year-old [Richie](#) Perry, a black high school graduate from Harlem, travels to Vietnam to fight in the United States Army. When Richie leaves basic training for Vietnam, he harbors a host of illusions about the war and the army. He confidently believes that the medical profile he has received for a knee injury will be properly processed and prevent him from engaging in combat. He also believes in the flurry of rumors about imminent peace and in the prevalent romantic myths about warfare.

Requirements: After reading one of the books above, complete any one of the assignments below. The assignment may be neatly handwritten in blue or black ink or typed. It is due at the beginning of the fall semester on the first day of class. You may earn up to 30 bonus points to be added to your English III grade for the first six weeks of school. On your paper, put your name and the book's title at the top, and do not skip lines.

1. Imagine that you are a journalist. Write about two significant events in the novel as articles for the local newspaper (Use Who? What? When? and Where? in the lead sentence and Why? And How? In the rest of the story.) Each story should be about a page long.
2. Imagine that you are a character in the novel. Write a journal that person might keep, recording his/her thoughts throughout the entire sequence of the novel. Include at least 6 journal entries, altogether about three pages long.
3. Imagine that you are the book reviewer for a magazine. Write your critique of the book by explaining to readers whether you think the novel was enjoyable and worth reading and why. Would you recommend the book, for example, to a friend to read? Why or why not? Give at least five specific examples from the book to support your opinion. Your article should be about two pages long. (You may invent or specify the title of the magazine and what kind of people would read that magazine.)

Verification - Points will be received based on the quality of the completed assignment: its **originality**, its **content (specific knowledge of the book's story)**, correct use of **grammar**, **spelling and neatness**.