AP Language-Independent Reading Assignment

You will choose one of the following books to read for first quarter. Once you have chosen your book, begin reading. You will have the next 6 weeks to finish this book.

As you read, annotate the text with post-its, and keep a dialectical journal. The dialectical journal will not be collected and graded. However, each week or so, we will have an assignment in which you will write a short rhetorical analysis on one of your chosen passages. Therefore, you will save a great deal of time and aggravation if you mark and analyze the passages ahead of time. For this part of the assignment, look for passages that stand out to you in terms of style, characterization, description, etc. These could be passages that demonstrate the author’s style, or they could demonstrate a significant shift in style. If you mark a passage, be prepared to explain why it caught your eye.

Choose from the following books for this quarter:

*To Kill a Mockingbird* Harper Lee

*The Glass Castle* Jeanette Walls

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  Mark Twain

*Slaughterhouse-Five* Kurt Vonnegut

*Bless Me, Ultima* Rudolfo Anaya

*The Sun Also Rises* Ernest Hemingway

*The Color Purple* Alice Walker

*Animal Farm* George Orwell

*The Great Gatsby* F. Scott Fitzgerald

*The Catcher in the Rye*  JD Salinger

*The Invisible Man* Ralph Elison

*Narrative of Frederick Douglass*  Frederick Douglass

*The Old Man and the Sea* Ernest Hemingway

*Brave New World* Aldous Huxley

*The Bell Jar*  Sylvia Plath

*Their Eyes Were Watching God* Zora Neale Hurston