

# Summer Work for Honors 4 British Literature

The Honors 4 British literature course is a survey of works beginning in the Anglo-Saxon time period beginning in 449---that is a long time ago! As much as I try we never quite make it to the modern authors. So for summer work I selected novels that were recently (relatively) published.

Choose one of the following novels to read. Then write a two-page personal response to the novel. In your response consider the following points:

- Did you enjoy the book? Why or why not? (Be honest!)
- Did a character resonate with you? Why or why not?
- Did you have sympathy for a character or even hatred? Why or why not?
- Does the book relate to our world today? How so? Is the author's message still relevant?
- Is there a personal experience, observation that you remember while reading?
- Did the author make you question our world? What are some of those questions that the author wants her readers to ask?

You do not have to address each point, and you may add to the discussion. Also use this opportunity to share a personal story or observation so that I can learn about you. Use MLA (12 point Times New Roman, double spaced but respond in first-person voice). Please bring a printed copy of your response to the first day of class. Also bring a copy of your novel, which may be a digital version.

## The choices:

*Atonement* (2002) Ian McEwan

*The Handmaid's Tale* (1985) Margaret Atwood

*White Teeth* (2000) Zadie Smith

Read carefully for a reading quiz when we return to school in the fall. You will also be responsible for leading a group discussion on the novel. I will check my email periodically throughout the summer so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Also enjoy your summer! I am looking forward to seeing you in class next year!

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