

## Independent Reading Assignment 2016

1. Choose a text from the American Literature Independent Reading List on the website. Take some time and choose your text carefully. Make sure the description interests you. Read through it a little bit to see if it is a good fit. Some of the texts are written in a challenging style and/or deal with difficult and mature subject matter. Do some digging to make sure you get a good fit.
2. Bring your book with you to class on **9/19**, and every day thereafter through the first quarter. You will be given class time to read. You are expected to read your text for that entire period of time. Failure to bring your book or to read it on those days will earn you a zero.
3. Complete a Dialectical Journal **as you read**. Instructions are available on the website. You are asked to have your entries out for me to check during SSR.
4. Come to class on the following days: **10/10, 10/31** prepared to talk about your text with others who are reading it.
5. Complete **one** of the reader projects by **11/3-4**. (Information found on the website)
6. Respond to **four** of the critical questions for your text. (On the overview sheets for your text. One of your responses has to be question 1, “What does this novel seem to suggest or say about America?”) Your responses should be articulate, thoughtful, and use specific references to the text. These should be typed, double-spaced. Each response should be around a page long. (You can use the “Critical Response” form on the website as a template).