

# INDEPENDENT READING GUIDE

Read two novels. Keep a reading journal updated weekly. Complete one project to share with the class. This is all due before Friday, March 13.

**Now, If you'll just answer a few questions...**

What's the title of your first novel?

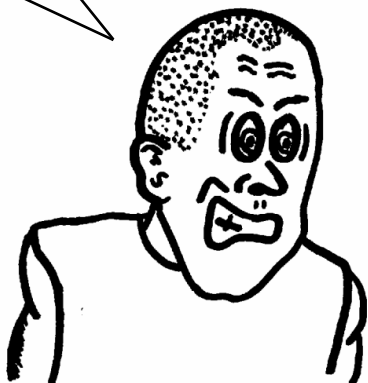
Who is the author?

Why did you pick this novel?

What's the title of your second novel?

Who is the author?

Why did you pick this novel?



1. Answer the questions to the left.
2. Read your novel at home and in class.
3. Set a reading goal for each week so that you finish your novels, journal, and project on time.
4. Keep a journal while you read. Turn it in with your project. In class each Friday, take a few minutes to reflect on what you read during the week and write your reaction. Do not write a summary.

The following questions might help you to get started:

*How do you feel about what happened?*

*What parts of this story remind you of your own life?*

*Would you act like the character(s) in the story?*

*What do you like (or not like) about the novel?*

5. Choose one of these projects. Complete it for homework and share it with the class.
  - ◆ Write a new passage for your novel. Your passage must be at least 200 words.
  - ◆ Create a photo or video documentary about the setting, events, cultures, or anything else in your novel.
  - ◆ Write and record a radio or TV commercial for your novel.
  - ◆ Create a children's book based on your novel.
  - ◆ Make a comic book based on your novel.
  - ◆ Write and record a song about your novel.
  - ◆ Write an essay discussing your novel's theme. Your essay must be at least 200 words.