AMERICAN LITERATURE READING LIST SAHLI

Agee, James

A Death in the Family

Algren, Nelson Man with the Golden Arm

A Walk on the Wild Side

Anderson, Sherwood Winesburg, Ohio

Baldwin, James Go Tell It On the Mountain

Bellamy, Edward Looking Backward: 2000-1887

Bellow, Saul Seize the Day

Bradbury, Ray

Fahrenheit 451 A clueless firefighter has burnt books his entire life and like it. When a new neighbor puts strange thoughts of a different world in his head, he questions his job and everything he ever stood for.

Something Wicked this Way Comes

Capote, Truman In Cold Blood

Cather, Willa My Antonia

Chopin, Kate

The Awakening A woman of the 1800's awakens and finds selfdiscovery. The independence she gains leads her to total solitude. Clark, Walter Van Tilburg **The Ox-Bow Incident** *A mob of ranchers who decide to take law into there own*

hands lynch three men suspected of murder and stealing cattle.

Cormier, Robert The Chocolate War After a secret gang tries to bully Jenny into selling chocolates for the school, he discovers that sometimes the best thing to do is stand up for yourself, even if it means you have to pay the terrible consequences.

Crane, Stephen The Red Badge of Courage

Dorris, Michael A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

Ellison, Ralph Invisible Man Faulkner, William As I Lay Dying

The Sound and The Fury Fitzgerald, F. Scott The Great Gatsby A man who went from dirt poor to rich follows his dreams of winning over his long lost lover's heart again. He might struggle and lie but he will do anything to get her back.

Tender Is the Night

Gaines, Ernest The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman

Hawthorne, Nathaniel The Scarlet Letter

Heller, Joseph Catch-22

Hemingway, Ernest

A Farewell to Arms A young American man named Henry deals with the toils of World Was One and all that comes with it on the Italian front as an ambulance driver. Along the way he falls in love with a nurse. The Old Man and the Sea

For Whom the Bell Tolls

Hurston, Zora Neale Their Eyes Were Watching God Janie is a beautiful girl who goes through 2 marriages before she falls in love with her 3rd husband. She searches for her happiness which ironically is tied to her love.

Irving, John The World According to Garp

> A Prayer for Owen Meany

Keroac, Jack On The Road

Kesey, Ken One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest Kesey's masterpiece is a chilling and realistic story about the 1960's and mental institutions. Drugs, insanities and illness and paranoia's make up the fantasy world.

Lewis, Sinclair Main Street

Babbitt

London, Jack Call of the Wild

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McCarthy, Cormac

The Road

A father and a boy are trying to travel south through a destroyed world and not knowing where to go.

All the Pretty Horses

Blood Meridian

Young kid from Tennessee travels across the country killing and scalping Apache Indians with various groups of men. McCullers, Carson The Member of the Wedding

Melville, Herman Moby-Dick

Meyers, Kent **Work of Wolves** Filled with adventure, and nonstop entertainment that brings out the beauty and strength in South Dakota, this book shows the spirit of people making a living from the land.

Morrison, Toni Song of Solomon

Beloved

O'Connor, Flannery Wise Blood

Parks, Gordon The Learning Tree

Plath, Sylvia **The Bell Jar**

Potok, Chaim The Chosen

Salinger, J.D. The Catcher in the Rye

Franny and Zooey

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Sinclair, Upton The Jungle

Steinbeck, John The Grapes of Wrath

Stowe, Harriet Beecher Uncle Tom's Cabin

Updike, John Rabbit Run

Vonnegut, Kurt Slaughterhouse-Five

Cat;s Cradle

Walker, Alice The Color Purple

Welty, Eudora Thirteen Stories

Wharton, Edith **The Age of Innocence.**

Ethan Frome

Wolfe, Thomas Look Homeward, Angel

Wright, Richard Native Son