

## American Literature: Summer Reading Assignment

### **Congratulations!!**

You have completed your freshman year and are ready to begin your sophomore year! Now it is time to ...

### **Grab a Good Book...**

Whether you spend your summer hanging out with friends in Santiago, relaxing at the beach, or visiting family, grab a good book to prepare you for the study of American Literature!

All students are to choose *one* of the following to read:

Nathaniel Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*

Zora Neal Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*

Julia Alvarez's *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*

Chaim Potok's *The Chosen*

As you read, take notes about the major events, characters, and conflicts in order to prepare for your first assignments of the year that will be about your novel. You should take notes either in your book (underlining key lines, writing notes in the margin, or using sticky notes that help you to process the work) or in a composition notebook. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may be helpful, and you should be sure to mark them. Also, writing chapter-by-chapter notes (either in the book at the end of each chapter or in a composition notebook) will enable you to recall the details of this work when we begin class in August.

Taking detailed notes will help prepare you for the first assessments of sophomore year, which will include a reading quiz and an in-class essay.

I look forward to discussing your reading experience with you as we explore the concept of the American Dream in American Literature during your sophomore year!

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