

American Literature - Summer Reading Assignment

Purpose of Summer Reading:

The purpose of summer reading is to promote familiarity with influential authors and masterpieces of literature and to encourage reading skills and comprehension over the summer and into the new school year.

Note:

-You are responsible for finding a copy of your books at your local library, bookstore, etc.

Instructions:

1. Read ***Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe***. A test on this book will be given during the first few days of school. Bring your copy of the book to school as we will be discussing it further during the first week or so of classes.
2. Read **ONE** of the following novels and **write an essay**, with a minimum of 400 words, about a specific theme that you saw in your book displayed in either the plot or one of the characters. The **essay is due on the first day of class** in the fall. (This essay is worth 20 points)
 - *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville
 - *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper
 - *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott

I _____ declare that I have read to completion both books that
(Print your name)
were assigned for summer reading. I also declare that the essay I wrote is composed of my
own words.

Your Signature: _____