

## Welcome to Book Club!

Book clubs exist wherever people like to get together to talk about what they're reading while they enjoy food and beverage. Book clubs are a lot more fun than writing a book report, even though they accomplish about the same thing. In this class we are going to form small book clubs. We will read, snack, and discuss our way through our books for the next four weeks. Here's how it works:

First, you and some friends agree to read the same book. You must have at least 3 people in your group, and you shouldn't have more than 7. Each person must have a copy of the book to read.

Your book must meet the following criteria:

- It must be at least 200 pages long. (Exceptions will be made in certain circumstances – come and talk to me about it.)
- It must be written by an American author.
- It may be fiction or nonfiction.
- It must be of a reading level appropriate for high school students.

Next, you and your group will divide the book into 4 sections. You will read one section and discuss it each week.

The day BEFORE book club meets, each member of the group will hand in at least 3 discussion questions based on that week's reading. These questions will be for a grade. Keep a copy for yourself. (We will discuss in class how to write good discussion questions.)

The day that book club meets, I will observe each group, watching for engaged conversation. You will also evaluate your own participation and that of one other person in the group. We will put all 3 evaluations together to determine that day's grade.

When book club is finished, you will write a reflective essay discussing your participation and your group's discussion of the book.

## Book Club Proposal

Our book club consists of (student names)

### Option One

We have decided to read (title of book) \_\_\_\_\_

It is \_\_\_\_\_ pages long.

### Option Two

We will read these magazine articles (title of article, magazine, date):

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### We will use this schedule:

On Jan. 16 we will discuss pages \_\_\_\_\_

On Jan. 23 we will discuss pages \_\_\_\_\_

On Jan. 30 we will discuss pages \_\_\_\_\_

On Feb. 6 we will discuss pages \_\_\_\_\_

We will hand in possible discussion questions on the Tuesday before each discussion day.

Note: you will earn points for both your questions and your discussion. If you are absent on a discussion day, it will not be possible to make up those points. Be sure to hand in your questions.