Reading Seminar

Research and Report

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The texts I am assigned to research and report on are: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirements:** Avoid using your own personal opinions in the introduction - you are a reporter for this assignment, not a commentator.

Your introduction must be added to our class document on **Google Drive** before you leave class today.

Information that is important to include in each introduction:

1. The author and the title of the text
2. The setting of the story
3. The main characters
4. The conflict and/or a general description of what the story is about.

**Tips:** To conduct your research, utilize the editorial sections on **Amazon.com**. Take a look at what **Wikipedia** has to say. See if the **New York Times** wrote a review. Maybe even check out the *Context* and *Plot Overview* sections on **SparkNotes.**

If you choose to take passages directly from a review, make sure you write the website inside parentheses after the passage, for example (Amazon.com). If you don’t, then you are committing plagiarism.

**Homework:** Read the introductions. Decide which three texts seem the most interesting to you and decide which three texts seem to the least interesting to you. Create a list. Bring it to class. Be ready to share your list.

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