

QUARTERLY INDEPENDENT NOVEL:

For this assignment, you will be reading a NEW book, of your choice, and then analyzing what you believe the book's theme to be through a literary analysis essay. You may get your book from any source – our library, the public library, your home, or borrowed from a friend. However, I expect the books to be appropriate for your age and reading ability. If your elementary sibling is reading it, then you need to pick something more challenging! ;)

*“THE man WHO DOES NOT read BOOKS HAS NO advantage OVER THE man WHO CANNOT read THEM.”
– MARK TWAIN*

HOW IS THIS SCORED? Quarter independent novels will count toward one of your priority standards. Your level of proficiency will depend on the number of pages you successfully report on. It is the total number of pages you read that will determine your overall standing, not the number of books. If you read more than the required number of pages in the quarter, the extra will carry over to the next nine weeks' grading period. The scale is as follows:

4 - Distinguished	3 - Proficient	2 - Developing	1 - Beginner	0 - Not Yet
251-300	201-250	150-200	149-100	99 or less

THE ESSAY: The essay will be a short, 1.5-2 page essay about the book's theme. **Prompt: What is the author trying to teach the audience through his/her words?** You will create a theme statement, and support that theme statement using at least 4 pieces of evidence (direct quotes) from the text.