English III Summer Reading Assignment
American Literature

- Choose an American born author whose work you would like to read. You may choose ANY American born author, emerging or classic, living or dead. The idea is that you choose to read something you *want* to read.
- Choose any one of their pieces of work to read in its entirety. If you choose to read a piece of work by a poet, you must read a compilation of poetry, not just one poem.
- Prepare a presentation that includes the following information:
  - Author's name, both given and pen name, if different
  - Author's birth and death date (if the author is still living that is fine)
  - Author's birthplace and the state's flag
  - A brief biography on the Author; include information about their parents/siblings, childhood, upbringing, occupation/education, family history, marital information (this should include whether or not they married and whether or not they had any children)
  - A list of their most famous work; if their accomplishments are many, keep your list to their five most well-known or acclaimed
  - Awards/honors the author received
  - A brief summary of the work you chose to read, without revealing the ending, and why you chose this author/work
  - 4-5 images
  - Works Cited/Bibliography information on where you found your information

All required information must be in your presentation. If something is missing for your chosen author, you must choose a different author. Information does **not** need to be presented in the order listed above. You will be presenting these to the class.

Your presentation may be completed in a technological format or on a poster.

If you choose to present your information on a poster, it needs to be colorful, creative, neat, and organized. The poster needs to be on a standard sized poster board, the color can be of your choosing.

If you choose to present your information in a PowerPoint, it needs to be neat, well organized, and colorful (but make sure your text can be read on your chosen background).