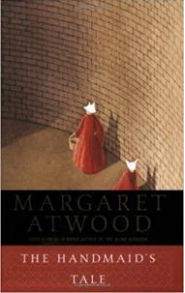
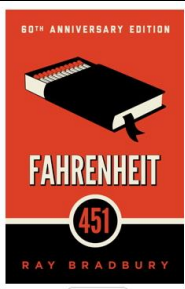
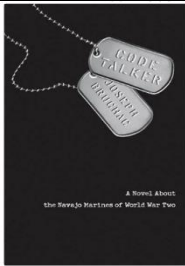
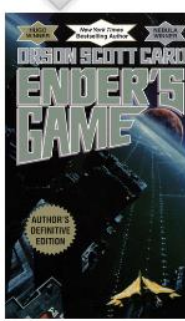
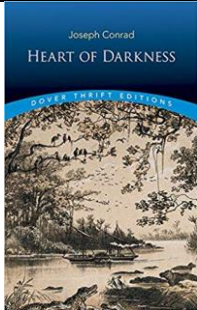
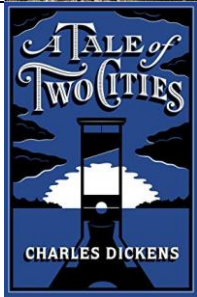
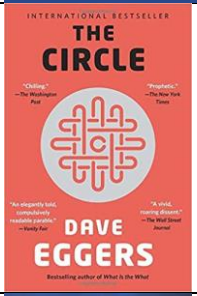
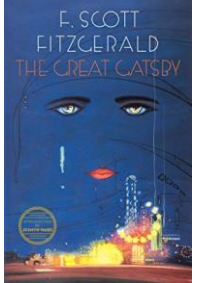
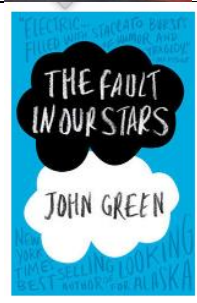
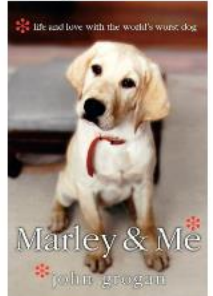
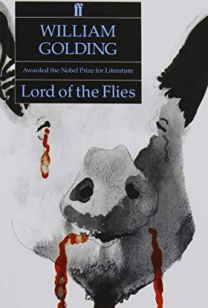
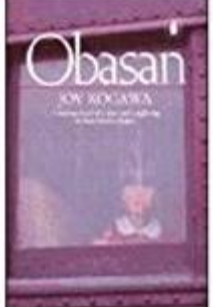
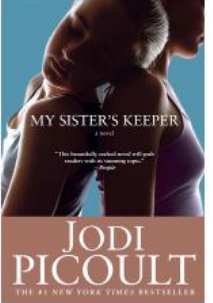
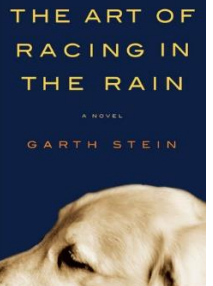


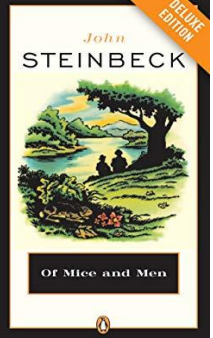

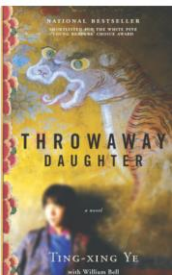
English 11 Independent Novel Study

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<p>1. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood</p>		<p>Offred is a "Handmaid" in the Republic of Gilead. She has only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. This powerful evocation of twenty-first century America explores a world in which oppression of women, and repression of the truth, have become justified.</p>
<p>2. Fahrenheit 451 By Ray Bradbury</p>		<p>The terrifyingly prophetic novel of a post-literate future. Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house?</p>
<p>3. Codetalker by Joseph Bruchac</p>		<p>A story of the Navajo marine codetalkers.</p>
<p>4. Ender's Game By Orson Scott Card</p>		<p>Andrew "Ender" Wiggin thinks he is playing computer-simulated war games; he is, in fact, engaged in something far more desperate. The result of genetic experimentation, Ender may be the military genius Earth desperately needs in a war against an alien enemy seeking to destroy all human life.</p>

<p>5. Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad</p>		<p>Dark allegory describes the narrator's journey up the Congo River and his meeting with, and fascination by, Mr. Kurtz, a mysterious personage who dominates the unruly inhabitants of the region. Masterly blend of adventure, character development, psychological penetration.</p>
<p>6. A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens</p>		<p>When millions suffer under oppression, when resentment boils into bloody insurrection, when triumph leads to savage vengeance - can one individual life matter? In A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens sets the intensely personal dramas of Lucie Manette, Charles Darnay, and Sydney Carton against the backdrop of the French Revolution and its terror and chaos. The result is a powerful story of love, sacrifice, and redemption.</p>
<p>7. The Circle by Dave Eggers</p>		<p>Mae Holland seizes the opportunity of a lifetime when she lands a job with the world's most powerful technology and social media company. Mae joins a groundbreaking experiment that pushes the boundaries of privacy, ethics and personal freedom. Her participation in the experiment, and every decision she makes soon starts to affect the lives and futures of her friends, family and that of humanity.</p>
<p>8. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald</p>		<p>The story is of the fabulously wealthy Jay Gatsby and his new love for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan, of lavish parties on Long Island at a time when excesses were common. It is an exquisitely crafted tale of America in the 1920s Jazz Age.</p>
<p>9. The Fault in Our Stars By John Green</p>		<p>Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.</p>

<p>10. Marley and Me by John Grogan</p>		<p>John and Jenny were just beginning their life together. They were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy. Life would never be the same.</p>
<p>11. Lord of the Flies by William Golding</p>		<p>The tale of a party of shipwrecked schoolboys, marooned on a coral island, who at first enjoy the freedom of the situation but soon divide into fearsome gangs which turn the paradise island into a nightmare of panic and death.</p>
<p>12. Obasan By Joy Kogawa</p>		<p>Based on the author's own experiences, this award-winning novel was the first to tell the story of the evacuation, relocation, and dispersal of Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry during the Second World War.</p>
<p>13. My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult</p>		<p>Anna is not sick, but she might as well be. By age thirteen, she has undergone countless surgeries, transfusions, and shots so that her older sister, Kate, can somehow fight the leukemia that has plagued her since childhood</p>
<p>14. The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein</p>		<p>A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope--a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life . . . as only a dog could tell it.</p>

<p>15. Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck</p>		<p>The compelling story of two outsiders striving to find their place in the unforgiving world of the Great Depression. Drifters in search of work, George and his simple-minded friend Lennie have nothing in the world except each other and a dream--a dream that one day they will have some land of their own. Eventually they find work on a ranch in California's Salinas Valley, but their hopes are doomed.</p>
<p>16. The Beginning of Everything by Robyn Schneider</p>		<p>Golden boy Ezra Faulkner believes everyone has a tragedy waiting for them—a single encounter after which everything that really matters will happen. His particular tragedy waited until he was primed to lose it all: in one spectacular night, a reckless driver shatters Ezra's knee, his athletic career, and his social life.</p>
<p>17. Throwaway Daughter By Ting-Xing Ye</p>		<p>Throwaway Daughter tells the dramatic and moving story of Grace Dong-mei Parker, a typical Canadian teenager until the day she witnesses the Tiananmen massacre on television. Horrified, she sets out to explore her Chinese ancestry, only to discover that she was one of the thousands of infant girls abandoned in China since the introduction of the one-child policy, strictly enforced by the Communist government</p>