Fall 2019 - R310
Free Choice Book Guidelines

For the second half of the semester, you will be reading a novel of your choice. Please use the following guidelines to help you find an approved book.

The book must be:
- A work of fiction (romance, mystery, science fiction, young adult fiction, historical fiction)
- At least 175 pages in length
- Originally written in American English

The book must NOT be:
- A book used in other ESL R classes (see next 2 pages for the “forbidden” list)
- A movie (this might be the hardest part)
- A short story collection

Resources:
You can find books at the ARC library, any Sacramento County Library, Barnes and Noble, used book stores, our classroom library, or Amazon. The librarians or bookstore staff will be happy to help you find a book.

Before you get the book, go to www.imdb.com and search to see if the book is a movie. Be aware that sometimes there is a movie with the same name, but it’s not the same. I can help you if you aren’t sure.

In general, you’ll be looking for about a 5th grade reading level or higher.

Possible Books: These books are already approved, but you are welcome to find something different if you prefer. The number in parenthesis (804) is the “Lexile” score. This shows the difficulty of the language used. For example, Bridge to Terabithia is an 804 difficulty level; however, it is only 163 pages. So some books have a lower level lexile score, but have many more pages. However, if you look up this book on www.imdb.com, you will find it is a movie, so this book is not an option.

Other approved books by Katherine Paterson:
- Bread and Roses, Too (810)
- The Same Stuff as Stars (670)
- Jip: His Story (860)
- Come Sing Jimmy Jo (760)

The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate (570)
The War That Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley (580)
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin (810)
The Tequila Worm by Viola Canales (830)
When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (750)
Out of My Mind by Sharron M. Draper (700)
Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (800)
Written in Stone by Rosanne Parry (810)
Jinx by Sage Blackwood (620)
The Dreamer by Pam Munoz Ryan (650)
One Came Home by Amy Timberlake (690)
Name______________________________________________________________

Book Title ____________________________________________________________

Author __________________________________________________________________

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Books used in other ESL Reading classes that you may NOT choose for this assignment:

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Fever 1793, Laurie Hulse Anderson
Johnny Tremain, Esther Forbes
Kindred & CompanionText (ISBN = 0472-08605-7), Butler
Outsiders, The, S.E. Hinton
Pearl, The, John Steinbeck
Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt
When the Legends Die, Hal Borland
And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie

R320:
"C" is for Corpse, Sue Grafton
American Plague, An, Jim Murphey
Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc, Polly Schoyer Brooks
Blue Sword, The, Robin McKinley
Caddie Woodlawn, Carol Ryrie Brink
Carry On Mr. Bowditch, Jean Lee Latham
Charlotte's Web, E.B. White
Children of the River, Linda Crew
Cry the Beloved Country, Alan Paton
Danny the Champion of the World, Roald Dahl
Dear Mad'm - Women of the West, Stella Walthal
Dragonflight, Anne McCaffre
Dragonwings, Lawrence Yep
Farewell to Manzanar, Wakatsuki Houston, Jeanne and James D.Houston
Funny in Farsi, Firoozeh Dumas
Giver, The, Lois Lowry
Haveli (the sequel to Shabanu), Suzanna Fisher Staples
Hiding Place, The, Corrie ten Boom
Holes, Louis Sachar
I, Juan de Pareja, Elizabeth Borton de Trevino
Island of the Blue Dolphins, Scott O'Dell
Jacob Have I Loved, Katherine Paterson
Julie and Romeo, Jeannne Ray
Julie of the Wolves, Jean Craighead George
Light in the Forest, The, Richter
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH, Robert C. O'Brien
My Brother Sam is Dead, Collier, James Lincoln & Christopher
My Sister's Keeper, Jody Picoult
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Portrait In Sepia, Isabel Allende
Red Scarf Girl, Ji-Li- Jiang
Road from Home: The Story of an Armenian Girl, David Kherdian
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Mildred Taylor
Secret Life of Bees, The, Sue Monk Kidd
Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind, Suzanna Fisher Staples
So Far from the Bamboo Grove, Yoko Kawashima Watkins
Story of Thomas Edison, Margaret Cousins
Streams to the River, River to the Sea, Scott O'Dell
Summer of my German Soldier, Bette Green
Thousand Pieces of Gold, Ruthanne Lum McCunn
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, The, Avi
Under the Blood-Red Sun, Graham Salisbury
Upstairs Room, The, Johanna Reiss
Voyages of Dr. Dolittle, The, Hugh Lofting
Westing Game, The, Ellen Raskin
Where the Red Fern Grows, Wilson Rawls
Winning Hand, The, Nora Roberts
Crime Never Pays, West
Esperanza Rising, Ryan
Reaching Out, Jiminez

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Bronze Bow, The, Elizabeth George Speare
Animal Farm, George Orwell
Joy Luck Club, The, Amy Tan
My Antonia, Willa Cather
Our Town, Thornton Wilder
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee