

# 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Optional Summer Reading Assignment

**Choose one novel or growth mindset text from the list below:**

1. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* by Maya Angelou
2. *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
3. *The Call of the Wild Book* by Jack London
4. *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
5. *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
6. *Devil in The White City* by Erik Larson
7. *12 Years A Slave* by Solomon Northup
8. *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane
9. *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy
10. *Dracula* by Bram Stoker
11. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
12. *Catch-22* – Joseph Heller
13. *Parable of the Sower* – Octavia E. Butler
14. *Never Let Me Go* – Kazuo Ishiguro
15. *Slaughterhouse-Five* – Kurt Vonnegut
16. *The Handmaid's Tale* – Margaret Atwood

**Writing Task:**

In one well-developed paragraph (5-8 sentences), summarize your novel and identify the larger theme(s) which the author is trying to convey to his/her audience. Use specific and relevant textual evidence in your response to further your rationale.