



1. *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte (Required ISBN: 978-1586176990)

- A. Read and annotate¹ Volume I of this work. Although it is optional to do so, you are encouraged to finish the book, as we'll be covering the second two volumes quickly in the first few weeks of school.
- B. In the first weeks of school, you will have a 10-15 minute conversation with the teacher, which will be your assessment on your reading. In this meeting you will be expected to do the following:
 - 1) show annotations
 - 2) recite from memory your favorite sentence from the text and answer questions about it
 - 3) answer questions about the characters and plot
 - 4) share 5 new words you learned from the text and be ready to use them in a sentence

N.B.: Since we will cover the second two volumes of the text more extensively in class, it is required that all students purchase the same version of *Jane Eyre*, using the ISBN listed above.

2. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde (ISBN: 9781586172626)

- A. Read and annotate this work.
- B. In the first weeks of school, you will have a 10-15 minute conversation with the teacher, which will be your assessment on your reading. In this meeting you will be expected to do the following:
 - 1) show annotations
 - 2) recite from memory your favorite 3 sentences from the text and answer questions about them
 - 3) answer questions about the characters and plot
 - 4) share 5 new words you learned from the text and be ready to use them in a sentence

¹To *annotate* a text means to take notes on the pages of a text while reading. It is a way of engaging with and entering into an author's art and ideas. The goal is to have a rich, satisfying, and thought-provoking reading experience. As readers annotate, they often develop an annotating system of their own. You will learn what works for you. For now, the important thing is to read all your summer assignments with pen or pencil in your hand, and take time to "talk back" to the text as you go.