

12th Grade Summer 2022 Reading

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Book: *White Teeth*, by Zadie Smith

You can find this book at the library, or at any online bookseller. If it helps you to listen to an audiobook as you read, please do so.

Content Warning: racism, language

White Teeth takes place in London, and the story is told over the span of several decades and through the lives of several immigrant families, so it will take some patience. Please don't plan on reading it at the last minute. The assignments below will be graded.

ALTERNATIVELY: Choose any BRITISH novel, **published post 1945**. Please Google the author and be sure the writer is, indeed, British. Choose a book you've not already read! Please email me and let me know which book you have chosen.

Follow the written assignment below.

Here are your assignments:

1. **Take notes. These notes are due the first day of class.**
Your notes may be handwritten or typed on a Google doc. A thorough job usually means at least **ten pages** of notes. I'm not worried about spelling or grammar. Please do not give me a plot summary. Instead, record the following:

- Your thoughts and reactions as you read the book. Don't just record what happens in the novel, record what you *think* about the events in the novel.
- Record your reactions to the characters—your own feelings and opinions are what I am looking for.
- Record anything about the plot, characters or setting that reminds you of something in your own life, or something else you have read, a show you have watched, a movie, etc.
- Record any quotes that seem important to you, along with your own thoughts about why this quote struck you. We will be using these quotes for an assignment.
- Record any vocabulary words that you looked up.
- Record any questions you have.