

## Novel Pre-reading Assignments - In-Class Work

*On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following prompts. You may handwrite or type your responses. **Please follow the length requirements for each assignment.***

Title of Book:

Author:

Date of First Publication:

A. Look at the front cover and read the back cover and inside sleeve, if there is one. List the facts that you know, or think you know, about the book without having read it. If you are reading an online copy of the novel, you may use the first section of the book's Wikipedia page (the section before the table of contents) to complete this assignment. (1/2 page written response or double-spaced typed response)

B. At first glance, how do you feel about the novel? Why? (1/2 page written response or double-spaced typed response)

C. Author Biography: Conduct brief research on the author. Choose two internet sources, or one internet source and one printed source from the library. Learn some basic facts about his/her life, including a brief account of his/her life, when/why/how s/he started to write, and the major events in history, politics and/or the writer's personal experience that impact his/her works of literature. Write a one-page written or double-spaced typed report.