**Summer Reading Project**

As a minimum, read:

* one novel;
* or 5-6 short stories (assuming that short stories are usually 3,000-5,000 words long);
* or 8-10 poems (assuming that most poems are 1-1.5 pages in length;
* or one play (of a running time 2-3 hours);
* 4-5 creative non-fiction pieces (of length 2,000-5,000 words each)

Keep a reading diary. Where possible, annotate copies of your text(s). Produce a written response to the following points. These responses can be typed or handwritten, and you are not writing an essay, but they must be **handed in on Thursday 7th of September**:

* Text type(s)/genre(s); author; title; date of publication (where available)
* Brief summary of text(s) (in terms of plot or ideas/arguments)
* A personalised response, with reasons/explanations (how do you respond to the text(s) and why?)
* **Direct quotes/examples** to do with any 4 of the following 8 concepts/aspects:
  + Voice/perspective
  + Exploration of an idea
  + Use of language/structure
  + Setting
  + Implication/Explication
  + Genre (blurring generic boundaries; mixed genres)
  + Openings
  + Closings
* For each of the 4 concepts/aspects, explain what – good or bad – you find interesting about the example(s) you have chosen

On your return in September, you will give a spoken presentation of 10 minutes to the class. Presentations will run over 3-4 lessons, and will begin on Thursday 7th September. Everyone needs to be ready to present on the Thursday, as the order will not be decided until then.

For fiction, you can make a start on the Reader, but be aware you will still need to re-read and complete class/homework tasks on these over the year.

**For this project, no YA or children’s fiction.**

You may use the following online sources if you wish for fiction, non-fiction, and poetry (note that some journals are specific to one or two forms, but all three are covered in the range offered below):

* *Short Fiction*: <http://www.shortfictionjournal.co.uk/>
* *Somesuch Stories*: <http://somesuchstories.co/>
* *3:AM Magazine*: <http://www.3ammagazine.com/3am/>
* *Litro*: <https://www.litro.co.uk/>
* *Bookanista*: <http://bookanista.com/>
* *Poets.org*:<https://www.poets.org/poetsorg/poems>
* Poets and Writers (writing tips): <https://www.pw.org/>
* Masters in English(links to other poetry sites/resources): <http://mastersinenglish.org/poetry/>