

By Emma Dove taken from ACE Camp Classes

American Novels

The Awakening by Kate Chopin

- New Orleans, Louisiana
- Edna Pontellier and husband, Leonce (sons not important)
- They vacation at Grand Isle in the Gulf of Mexico with the Lebruns, even though Edna cannot swim. Edna falls in love with Robert Lebrun. He leaves for Mexico because he is married (he doesn't tell Edna why), Edna and family go back to NO. Edna ignores her "motherly/wifely" duties and goes to visit Mademoiselle Riesz, who reads Edna letters and plays her the piano. Leonce goes to Dr. Mandelelet about his wife, and is told to let her work it out of her system. A little bit later, Edna's sister is going to get married, but she doesn't want to go, so Leonce and the kids go to NY for the wedding. While they are there, Edna moves into the "Pigeon House", while there, she visits the race track where she meets Alcee Arobin and has an affair with him. Dr. Mandelelet and her friend, Adele Ratignolle worry about her. Robert comes back to NO, but when they meet, he no longer wants a relationship with Edna, even though she wants it. Edna goes back to the Grand Isle and walks into the gulf.
- Common Clues-
 - Opens with Madame Lebrun's parrot and mockingbird making noise
 - Metaphorical characters known as the "Lady in Black" and the "Two Lovers" that Edna sees walking on the beach
 - Farival twins play the piano for people to come listen to
 - They often eat bonbons
 - A bird with a broken wing flies into the gulf with Edna

Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser

- Carrie Meeber goes to live with Sven and Minnie in Chicago
- On the train there she meets Charles Drouet who introduces her to George Hurstwood (a married man), she falls in love with both of them.
- Once in Chicago, Carrie plays Laura in the play "Under the Gaslight"- one of her dreams is to be on Broadway. Carrie and George run away to Canada as the "Wheelers" before going back to New York. Carrie becomes a chorus girl and meets Lola. Carrie also meets Bob Ames who shows her there is more to life than money. She then leaves George because he is an alcoholic.
- Common clues-
 - When Carrie leaves George, she gives him 20 dollars, because he gave her that much when they met on the train
 - The novel is told with Carrie looking back at her past in a rocking chair

An American Tragedy- Theodore Dreiser

- Clyde Griffiths is a Kansas City Hotel Bellhop
- Clyde is in a car with Tom Raterer (maybe that is how you spell it, I don't know), and they are both drunk. Tom hits and kills a child (he is driving the car). Clyde is so upset he leaves town and runs to Chicago, before going to his Uncle Samuel in NYC and getting a job working at a Men's Collar Factory.
- He dates poor Roberta Alden, but he really wants to date rich Sandra Finchley. Roberta gets pregnant and wants to marry Clyde (and he is like "AHHHH CRAP!!! I AM SCREWED!!!!). Anyway, he takes her on a date to Bit Bittern Lake, and accidently knocks her into the lake when he goes to take a camera off from around his neck. When she gets knocked it, Clyde takes it as an opportunity to be free of a kid and Roberta. He flips the boat and makes it look

like the boat capsize. When they get Roberta out of the water, they find a big knot on her head, and arrest Clyde for her murder, even though he did not intentionally kill her. He is then sentenced to death.

- Common clues- he meets Hortense Briggs when he is a bellhop

Call of the Wild by Jack London

- Buck is owned by Judge Miller. Manuel (his servant) steals Buck when he needs to pay back gambling debts; he is sold to Canadian dispatchers named Francois and Perrault, who then sells him to Hal, Charles, and Mercedes (minors who abuse dogs). After a while (and a lot of deaths), John Thornton tells the boys that they will all die if they try to cross a river in front of them because the ice is melting. The boys say it doesn't matter and they are going to cross anyway. So John buys Buck off of them, and the rest of them drown. One day on a camping trip, John goes wandering and runs into a bunch of Yeehat natives. They kill him (of course they are going to kill some random white guy in the woods). Buck then goes and kills those responsible. Every year, Buck goes back to the camp on the day that John died and howls to the moon.
- Common clues- Buck is known as the Ghost Dog

White Fang by Jack London

- White Fang's parents are Kiche (mother who is a dog) and One Eye (father who is a wolf). One Eye dies by a lynx. White Fang and Kiche are saved by Gray Beaver and his tribe (Kiche dies of natural causes). Gray Beaver takes him to Fort Yukon one day, and Beauty Smith really wants him. Beauty Smith gets Gray Beaver drunk and steals White Fang for his dog ring. Weedon Scott goes to the dog ring once and buys White Fang so he will not die by Cherokee (even though he is half wolf). Now that he is in the Scott family, none of them really like him, until

one day Jim Hall breaks into the house. White Fang kills Hall to keep him from hurting the family. This makes him a big part of the family and becomes a puppy father.

- Common clues- don't really know any, will put some up when I know them

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

- Sinclair wanted to promote socialism with this book, but instead he causes the passing of the Pure Food and Drug Act.
- Jurgis Rudkus and his wife Ona moved to Chicago from Lithuania. He works at Brown's Slaughterhouse until he gets an injury. He is forced to find a new job and gets one at Durham's Fertilization Plant. They are still poor so Ona gets a job. Jurgis attacks her boss, Phil Conner, for sexual harassment. Since Phil is rich, he ends up in jail. While in jail, he meets con-man Jack Duane, who teaches him the tricks of the trade. Also while he is in jail, Ona dies in childbirth (so does the child). When he gets out, he is a homeless con-man. Soon one of his friends (Otrinsky) takes him to a socialist convention, where he meets Tommy Hall who gets him a job at his hotel.
- Common clues- Durham's Fertilization Plant has come up for Chicago before, so be careful!!

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

- Title comes from Ecclesiastes
- Lily Bart is a young NYC socialite who wants to marry someone with money
- Lawrence Selden has no money although they flirt. Lily decides that they will remain friends and not worry about getting married.
- She also flirts with Simon Rosedale, although she thinks she is going to marry a millionaire.
- At Belmont, she meets Bertha Dorset. To get back on Lily, Bertha arranges a marriage between Percy and Evie Van Osburg.
- Lily wants her Aunt Peniston's money

- She makes new friends with Gerty Farrish and Carry Fisher; her cousin is Grace Slepney
- She burns love letters between Lawrence and Bertha when she finds them at a party on a yacht. Bertha is also having an affair with New Silverton and spreading lies about Lily's sex life.
- Because of this, Lily gets no money from her aunt (when her aunt dies). Lily becomes so distraught, she OD's on her sleeping medication. Lawrence goes to propose to Lily (because he decided that he wanted her, since they were both striking out), and finds her dead in her bed.
- Common clues-
 - Lily goes on trips to the Adirondacks with Gerty and Carry
 - Bertha's yacht is named Sabrina

Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton (everyone's favorite novel!!!!)

- Starkfield, New England (it is made up)
- This man is visiting Starkfield and he hears these rumors of Ethan Frome (husband of Zeena), so he asks around. Zeena is sick, so Ethan hires Mattie to come live with them and take care of Zeena. One day Mattie goes to a dance and, when Ethan comes to pick her up, he realizes he is in love with her. A while after this, Zeena leaves to see a doctor a while away; while she is gone, she asks only that they do not break anything. Ethan and Mattie try the entire time to avoid each other (so Ethan does not have an affair), that the house becomes a mess. When Zeena gets back, Mattie and Ethan decide to run away together, so Ethan (a carpenter) goes to one of his clients, Andrew Hale, to ask for money. When he gets there, Andrew is not home, but his wife. Mrs. Hale tells him how good of a man he is for staying with his sick wife and not leaving her behind for a younger, prettier woman. This fills Ethan with grief, so he and Mattie decide that killing themselves in a sledding accident is the better option. So Ethan and Mattie are about to hit a tree, when Ethan decides that he no longer wants to die, so he veers

the sled off course, but they still hit the tree; Ethan and Mattie live. And now, 24 years later, Zeena is looking after the paralyzed Ethan and Mattie.

- Common clues-
 - Mattie is wearing a red, unusual ribbon when Ethan decides he loves her.
 - While Zeena is away, her cat breaks her favorite pickle dish.

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

- Newland Archer (NY Lawyer) is set on marrying Mary Welland until he meets divorced Polish Count Ellen Olenska; after this meeting, he rushes his wedding. Ellen and Newland have a “connection”, but they never pursue a relationship; to combat this, Ellen tries to go out with Julius Beaufort. Since Ellen is a divorcee, she is not accepted by most people; Mrs. Manson Mingott accepts her. Ellen later runs away to Europe because Mary is pregnant and she does not want to be connected to them any longer. Mary dies later of natural causes. 25 years later, Dallas (their son) and Newland go to Europe. Through the grapevine, Dallas hears of Ellen, and arranges a meeting with her. Ellen is very excited, but Newland is not as much. On the day of the meeting, Newland goes up to the door, but never enters.
- Common clues- I wrote everything in the summary

My Antonia by Willa Cather

- Jim Burden reflects on his childhood in Black Hawk, Nebraska. His parents died when he was 9, which meant he lived with his grandparents, Josiah, and Emmaline on a farm. The Shimerdas (Bohemian Family) live on the farm next door. Jim and Antonia become friends. Jim goes to college; while there, he is told by friends of Antonia's that he needs to go back to Nebraska, to see her. She now works for known rapist, Wick Cutter; Jim saves her from him. Antonia is going to marry Larry Donovan, but he leaves when he finds out Antonia is pregnant. She ends up marrying Anton Cuzak and they live happily together. Jim visits them later.

- Common clues- Antonia works for the Harlings with Lena Linjard and Tiny Soderball.

O Pioneers! By Willa Cather

- 1. The Wild Land- Alexandra Bergsen and her brother, Emil get their kitten stuck on top of a pole. Carl Llnstrum saves the kitten and they all become friends. Oscar, Lou, and Alex (not sure of the importance of Oscar or Lou) buy a farm.
- 2. Neighboring Farms- 16 years later. Alex's family thinks she wants to marry Carl so she can give the farm to him. Her family leaves. Frank Shabata and Marie Lovesky Shabata move into town.
- 3. Winter Memories- Alex spends the winter alone and visits with Marie.
- 4. White Mulberry Tree- Emil and Amedee (who ever she is) come back from Mexico City, because someone died. Emil goes to tell Marie that he loves her under a Mulberry tree. They kiss and fall asleep. Frank finds them sleeping there on a walk (and assumes the worst!!!); he shoots them. Crazy Ivan finds their bodies, thus Frank goes to jail.
- 5. Alexandra- She visits Frank in jail and forgives him for killing her brother. She and Carl then get married.
- Common clues- I don't know... White Mulberry Tree?

Arrowsmith by Sinclair Lewis

- Martin Arrowsmith lives in Winnemac (a made up town that Lewis loves). W He later studied under Prof. Gottlieb. He married Leora Tozer and moves to Wheatsylvania, where no one listens to his medical advice. He then woks for Dr. Pickerbaugh. Then works in Chicago with Angus Duer. Prof. Gottlieb takes Martin to McGurk Institute, where he discovers "X Principle" phage and makes a medicine out of it. He then goes to St. Hubert to test his phage against the plague. Both his wife and friend die there of the plague. He stops collecting data and moves

back to the US, where he marries Joyce Lanyon, but then leaves to live in the woods with friend Terry Wickett, and studies medicine.

- Common clues- when he was little, he would read anatomy books by Dr. Vickerson.

Mainstreet by Sinclair Lewis

- Carol Milford marries Dr. Will Kennicott and moves to Gopher Prairie, Minnesota. There, Carol wants to renovate Will's family home.
- She becomes friends with Guy Pollock, Vida Sherwin, Miles Bjornstam (communist janitor), and maid, Bea Sorensen.
- Carol joins Jolly 17 and Thanatop's club (theater group). Bea marries Miles, Vida marries Raymond Witherspoon. Carol has a son (Hugh). Erik Valborg and Fern Mullins move into town and becomes friends with Carol (she is upset that all her other friends got married). Erik runs out of town because the town thinks him and Carol are having an affair (they are not); Fern runs out of town because everyone thinks he is gay (he is not). Will cheats on Carol, so she moves to Washington DC. Will comes to get her, and convinces her to move back to Gopher Prairie.
- Common Clues- Carol was a city girl before she moved to Minnesota, so she was never really happy there

Babbitt by Sinclair Lewis

- George F. Babbitt is a real estate broker (in Zenith), married to Myra with kids, Verona, Ted, and Tinka. His friend, Paul Riesling, tells him he is unhappily married to his wife, Zilla, on a camping trip. Later, Paul shoots his wife; Babbitt visits George in prison and Paul tells George to not conform to society. George decides that he has conformed for too long and has an affair with Tanis Judique and hangs out with Socialist Seneca Doane. But Myra gets appendicitis, so he goes back to his normal life.

- Common Clues- George tells his son, Ted, to elope to Eunice Littlefield at his birthday party, so his son will not make the same conforming mistakes that he did.

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

- Rosemary Hoyt, an 18-year-old movie star, is taking a vacation on the French Riviera, where she meets Dick and Nicole Diver. There, she drinks with Abe North who kills Jules Peterson, which makes Nicole relapse (she had childhood trauma). Before this, Dick was a psychologist and helped Nicole get over what happened between her and her father; they the get married. After Abe kills Jules, Dick has an affair with Rosemary and becomes an alcoholic. Nicole gets better and tells Dick she is going to get a divorce and marry Tommy Barban.
- Common Clues- Rosemary acted as the main role in “Daddy’s Girl”

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

- Nick Carraway rents a house in West Egg next to Jay Gatsby’s house. West Egg is “new money”, East Egg is “old money”. Daisy Buchanan lives in East Egg with her husband Tom (Nick dates Jordan Baker). Jay throws wild parties, so Nick goes, and eventually meets Jay. The only reason that Jay lives in West Egg is to get Daisy back; he went to the war, and when he came back, Daisy was married to Tom. Daisy and Gatsby try to get back together, now that he has money; Tom is also cheating on Daisy with Myrtle Wilson, who lives in the Valley of Ashes. Jay and Daisy get in a fight while drunk; Daisy storms off and hits Myrtle with a car, Gatsby says that he did it, to spare Daisy. George (Myrtle’s husband) shoots Gatsby because he thinks Jay has having an affair with Myrtle, then he shoots himself. Drunk Owl Eyes, Nick, and Jay’s dad are the only people to show up to Jay’s funeral. Tom and Daisy continue to live unaffected and rich.
- Common Clues-
 - At the end of the novel, Klipspringer calls to see if his shoes are at Gatsby’s house.

- Meyer Wolfsheim (Jewish businessman) fixed the World Series wears molars as cuff links (it is said that he and Gatsby were in the mob together, which is how Gatsby got his money so fast).
- When entering the Valley of Ashes, there is a billboard that has TJ Eckleburg (big eyes)
- Dan Cody was Gatsby's mentor at St. Olaf's College
- Gatsby always had oranges delivered to his house before a party to make orange juice.
- There is a green light at the end of the harbor in West Egg that signifies endings or beginnings, or something
- At a party, Gatsby shows Daisy his collection of colored silk shirts and she cries

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

- Frederic Henry is an American driving an Italian ambulance in WWI.
- Friend Lt. Rinaldi introduces him to Catherine Barkley, even though Rinaldi likes her. Henry is injured by an exploding vat of mac 'n' cheese (a grenade blew it up and he was hit by shrapnel), and stays at a hospital that Catherine is transferred to. Henry and Catherine fall in love, and want to escape to Switzerland because Catherine is pregnant. In the Alps, Catherine gives birth, but the child is stillborn (umbilical cord around it's neck) and she dies of bloodloss. He walks back to the hotel alone.
- Common Clues-
 - This is semi-autobiographical.
 - While Henry is at the hospital, Nurse Von Campen hates him and thinks his Jaundice is due to alcohol, even though he does not have access to alcohol.

For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

- Robert Jordan is fighting in the Spanish Civil War (right before WW2 happens- in the 1930's), in a Guerilla troop lead by Pablo and his wife, Pilar (?). Jordan falls in love with Maria. Later, Pablo is tasked with blowing up a bridge with another troop lead by El Sordo. Jordan doesn't want to blow up the bridge because the death probability is high. In the end, they blow it up, but Jordan is hurt. He tells Maria to leave him behind so he will buy the rest of them time by shooting Fascists.
- Common Clues- The title comes from John Donne's "Meditation 17"

The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

- Jake Barnes (WWI Vet) and his girlfriend, Lady Brett Ashley
- In Pamplona, they go see the "Running of the Bulls", where Ashley has an affair with matador Pedro Romero. After a wild night of partying, they are all drunk and fighting with each other. Jake breaks up with Lady Brett and they both leave Spain, drunk and fighting fools.
- Common Clues-
 - Lady Brett has an affair with ex-boxer Robert Cohn.
 - "Isn't it pretty to think so?" Says Jake at the end of the book.

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

- Fisherman Santiago and apprentice Manolin live in Cuba. Santiago has not caught a fish in three months and is becoming very aggravated. One day, he catches a huge fish (I believe it was a Marlin), and drags it behind his boat because it does not fit in the boat. Only, when he gets to shore, the bones are all that is left (sharks ate the fish as it was being dragged in the water). Manolin tells him not to worry, he will find another fish, another day.
- Common Clues-
 - Santiago's favorite baseball player is Joe DiMaggio.

- He often tells people about his all-day-arm-wrestling match with a black man from Cienfuegos.

Tobacco Road by Erskine Caldwell (the brilliance of this book...)

- Lester Family- Jeeter and Ada Lester, kids- Elle May (20-year-old, with a cleft palate), Pearl (9, married off to 40-year-old, Lov Bensey), Dude (16).
- Traveling preacher Bessie tells them they are all going to Hell, before she asks Jeeter if she can marry Dude. Dude says he will marry her if he can drive her truck (he does not know how to drive). Bessie said she was 30, but she is really 39. They get married. Dude hits everything in town as he is driving the truck. In the driveway, he runs over his grandmother; when he hits her, he backs over her, this time, he gets out of the truck and runs, telling no one. Everyone finds her two days later (under the truck). Jeeter then decides to burn down his barn/farm to collect insurance money. But the house also catches on fire and burns down (with everyone in it, but Dude and Bessie).
- Common Clues- When they find Grandma, she has tire tracks on her.

Absalom! Absalom! by William Faulkner

- Yoknapatawpha, Mississippi (otherwise known as Jefferson)
- Thomas Sutpen moves to MS with some slaves and a French architect; he steals 100 acres of land from the Native Americans. Son/daughter, Henry and Judith are friends with Charles Bon (black-ish). Charles wants to marry Judith, Henry is ok with the idea, but when he asks his father, his father is like, "HECK NO! Charles is my son!". So a long time ago, an overseer had a child with a slave; then Thomas had a child with the daughter- Eulalia, who was Charles. Henry then kills Charles, just because he is "black", not for any other reason. Thomas then becomes an alcoholic and tries to take 15 year old Millie (who is honestly ok with it all), but her

grandfather (Wash Jones) kills Thomas. Clytie (another of Thomas's secret children with slave women), burns the plantation down.

- Common Clues- Quentin Compson (from *The Sound and the Fury*) was told the story by Rosa Coldfield. The entire story is told by him to his roommate at Harvard, Shreve.

The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner

- Compson brothers, Quentin (youngest, a student at Harvard), Jason (farm supply worker), and Benjy (mentally disabled), and their sister, Cady live in the south, with their black cook, Dilsey.
- Caddy becomes pregnant and doesn't tell who did it. She tries to marry Herbert Head to cover it up, but once he finds out, he no longer wants to marry her. Once the news comes out, Quentin drowns himself in the Charles River after one year of schooling. The baby girl is named, Miss Quentin in honor of Quentin; she has a habit of running away.
- Common Clues-
 - Title comes from Macbeth
 - Miss. Quentin runs away with a carnival worker at the end of the novel
 - Dilsey takes everyone to Rev. Shegog's Easter sermon

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

- **SHE WAS AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, BE CAREFUL! A TOSSUP ON "THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD" IS MORE LIKELY TO HAPPEN, THAN A LIT BASED TOSSUP ON HURSTON!!!!**
- Janie Crawford tells her life to Phoeby. Janie is considered disgraceful because she is living by herself.
- She lives with her grandmother (Nanny), because her mother (Leafy) was raped (Nanny was also raped, which caused her to have Leafy). Their house has a pear tree in the back yard. Janie kisses Johnny Taylor under tree one day, which results in an arranged marriage to farmer, Logan Killicks ("so she will not be used like a mule"). Soon she runs away to Eatonville

(an all black town) with Jody “Joe” Starks (who wants a trophy wife) because she does not love Logan. He later dies of liver failure, after he builds her her own store and becomes someone in the town. She is not really accepted there because she is entirely black. She falls in love with Tea Cake (Vergible Woods), and they run away to the Everglades. One day, during a hurricane, a rabid dog is going to bite Janie, but Tea Cake goes in front of her and gets the bite (they are swimming across a lake thing, I believe). Tea Cake goes crazy and Janie shoots him in self defence. She turns herself in, but is acquitted by an all white jury.

- Common Clues-
 - Joe will not let her wear her hair how she wants it, which makes her mad.
 - This book was rediscovered by Alice Walker.

Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

- I am not going to write a summary, because it is mandatory reading for DV’s 9th graders. If you would like the summary email to you, email me, otherwise, it is like 106 pages, suck it up!
- There was a mistake with what we were taught at camp though. Emily said that Candy shot his own dog. He didn’t. Someone else shot it (I don’t remember his name), which is why Candy told George that you should always kill your own dog.
- Names to know that come up first clue- Slim (the head hay bailer), Weed (the place that Lenny and George run out of, after Lenny feels the lady’s dress up), Crooks (the black servant).
Curly’s wife (she purposely does not have a name, to show that women are “below men”)

Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

- Joad family (Okies)- Tom Joad, Rose of Sharon (Tom’s sister) and husband Connie. Tom just got out of jail for killing a man in a bar fight, but when he gets home, he finds his family packing up to move out of Oklahoma to California. They live in Hooverilles on the way there, and pick up ex-preacher Jim Casey. Connie leaves Rose when he finds out she is pregnant; the

child is stillborn. Once they get to California, they work on a grape farm, and Casey leads a strike (which ends in a riot and Casey being killed).

- Common Clues-
 - Rose breast-feeds a dying old man on the grape farm.
 - Muley Graves gets the Joad's dog when they leave Oklahoma.
 - Odd chapters are plot chapters and even chapters are auxiliary chapters (they tell an independent story, in one chapter). The first auxiliary chapter is about a turtle crossing the road. There are two types of people, those who hit the turtle and those who don't; the turtle gets hit. Another one is about kids who look at candy in a gas station, and some truck drivers buy them \$20 of candy.

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

- Trask Family
- 1st brothers, Charles and Adam Trask. Adam meets Cathy Ames ("malformed soul"/sociopath); they get married and Cathy gets pregnant. She tries to have an abortion, but it does not work, so she is forced to have the twins, Aron and Caleb. One night after the twins are born, Cathy shoots Adam and runs away to form a brothel, but Adam does not die. One day, Caleb is mad at Aron, so he tells him that their mother is still alive and where to find her. Aron is so happy and goes to see her, only to realize she is a prostitute. Aron joins the army and is sent overseas (WWI); he dies in combat. Aron's girlfriend, Abra, and Caleb become very good friends and eventually get married. On his deathbed, Adam forgives Caleb for telling Aron about Cathy, at the advice of Lee.
- Common Clues-
 - Retelling of the Cain and Abel story

- Cathy wanted to leave her family's home, but they wouldn't let her, so she locked them in the house and burned it down.
- The last word of the book/Adams' last work is "Timshel" (forgiveness)

Native Son- Richard Wright

- Bigger Thomas lives with his mother and sister, Vera
- Bigger, Gus, GH, and Jack plan to rob Blum's Deli, but Bigger doesn't want to do through with it. They all get into a fight and Bigger pulls out a knife; this tells everyone that he really doesn't want to do it, and they lay off. Bigger then gets a job working for the Dalton family as their driver. Bigger is asked to eat with Mary (the daughter) and her date. He knows it is not his place, but they force him. They talk to him about communism, which Bigger does not understand, because he is not educated (they don't seem not notice). When driving Mary home, she gets very drunk and passes out in his car. He carries her up to her room. When she wakes up, she starts kissing him. At this point, Mary's blind mother is walking around the house screaming for her. Bigger is afraid that Mary is going to realize who he is and start screaming, so he puts a pillow over her face. After Mary's mother stops calling for her, he takes the pillow off, to realize that he has killed her. He takes her body out of the house, chops it up, and puts it in an incinerator. Investigators find a piece of her jewelry (it is a ring or a bracelet). He then tells his girlfriend, Bessie Mears, about what he did; she tells him to hand himself in. In response, he kills her, too. Bigger is then caught. His Lawyer, Boris Marz, tries to help Bigger, but he is still sent to jail.
- Common Clues- Mr. Dalton pays for Bigger's lawyer because he realizes it was an accident

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger

- Holden Caulfield is expelled from Pencey Prep for losing fencing equipment on the subway. When he is moving out, he gets in an argument with his roommate, Stradlater, who is going

on a date with Jane Gallagher. Holden tells him to be nice with Jane because they are best friends. He meets pimp Maurice, who gives him Sunny to take to his room (at a hotel). Holden makes her talk instead of her normal duties, which makes her mad. She asks for \$20 instead of the \$10 Holden was said he owed her; Maurice beats up Holden the next day. He has a date with Sally, but all she does is talk. He buys Phoebe (his sister) a "Little Shirley Beans" CD, and takes her to Central Park to ride the carousel in the rain.

- Common Clues-
 - His other roommate is named Ackley
 - When Holden and Jane were little, Jane would keep all her kings (in checkers) in the back row.
 - Holden talks to nuns on the Subway about Romeo and Juliet.
 - He talks to a cab driver about where the ducks in Central Park go during the winter (and does not get an answer).
 - He dances with three women at the hotel.
 - There are three other Caulfield children; Allie, Deby, and Phoebe. Allie died, but before that, he gave Holden his baseball glove.
 - Holden stays with his English teacher, Mr. Antolini. When he wakes up, Mr. A is above him, rubbing his hair.
 - He calls everything and everyone "phony".