## **English Literature: Summer Work**

According to the New York Times, these are the best novels of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

## Your task:

Read one! Write a literary review. Does your chosen text deserve a place in the Top 20? Why/not?

- 1. "Ulysses," James Joyce
- 2. "The Great Gatsby," F. Scott Fitzgerald
- 3. "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man," James Joyce
- 4. "Lolita," Vladimir Nabokov
- 5. "Brave New World," Aldous Huxley
- 6. "The Sound and the Fury," William Faulkner
- 7. "Catch-22," Joseph Heller
- 8. "Darkness at Noon," Arthur Koestler
- 9. "Sons and Lovers," D. H. Lawrence
- 10. "The Grapes of Wrath," John Steinbeck
- 11. "Under the Volcano," Malcolm Lowry
- 12. "The Way of All Flesh," Samuel Butler
- 13. "1984," George Orwell
- 14. "I, Claudius," Robert Graves
- 15. "To the Lighthouse," Virginia Woolf
- 16. "An American Tragedy," Theodore Dreiser
- 17. "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter," Carson McCullers
- 18. "Slaughterhouse Five," Kurt Vonnegut
- 19. "Invisible Man," Ralph Ellison
- 20. "Native Son," Richard Wright

For a synopsis of each novel to help you choose: <a href="https://sites.prh.com/modern-library-top-100">https://sites.prh.com/modern-library-top-100</a>