Sophomore Honors English Summer Reading/Assignment List

Sophomores in the Honors English program in District 215 are required to read two novels during the summer. Students will be tested on both novels during the first few weeks of school. Please note: Students who do not complete the summer reading assignments may find it difficult to pass the first grading period.

- **Book I: Required reading**
  - *The Scarlet Letter*—Nathaniel Hawthorne
- **Book II: Read one of the following texts.**
  - *Black Boy*—Richard Wright
  - *The Sun Also Rises*—Ernest Hemingway
  - *Tomcat in Love*—Tim O’Brien
  - *Joy Luck Club*—Amy Tan

During the reading of the novels students are encouraged to take notes on the following topics below to prepare them for the tests that will take place during the first few weeks of school. 
**Topics to take notes on:** (characters/character development, setting, conflict, theme, symbolism, or social/historical issues.)

Below is a sample of a note taking strategy that will help students through the novel.

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