Welcome to Literature: Beyond the Bounds!

Summer Assignment: Keep a Reader Response Journal. It should be at least ten (10) full page, typed entries. Make entries in your journal as you read from all parts of the novel. Do not wait until the end of the book to write all your entries. Your Reader Response Journal will be collected the first full day of classes.

Your journal should be typed in MLA format, including a title (entry number), 12pt. Times New Roman typeface, double spacing and 1” margins all around. Be mindful of spelling and grammar.

What should you include in a Reader Response Journal?
A reader response journal should include your own personal response to what you read. It is NOT a plot summary. It may consist of any or all of the following:

✔ questions about what you are reading
✔ what you like
✔ what you don’t like
✔ what you find confusing
✔ what you think is interesting
✔ what you think something means
✔ a connection with something in your own life
✔ your reaction to a particular character
✔ predictions about what you think will happen next
✔ your thoughts about what you have read

Come to class with your printed journal in hand. Journals submitted after that will be considered late and be marked down according to the policy outlined in our syllabus.
Summer Reading expectations:

All students who enroll on or before August 20, 2021 must read the book(s) assigned for their course and complete this summer reading assignment.

All students who enroll on or after August 21, 2021 should begin reading the summer reading book(s) upon enrollment and email the teacher for details about assignment expectations.

All new and returning students should bring a copy of the assigned novel(s) with them on the first day of class.