

## English 10 Summer Reading Assignment:

Choose one novel from the list below and complete the three assignments accordingly. These assignments are general enough to complete for all novel choices.

- *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
- *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
- *The Old Man and The Sea* by Ernest Hemingway

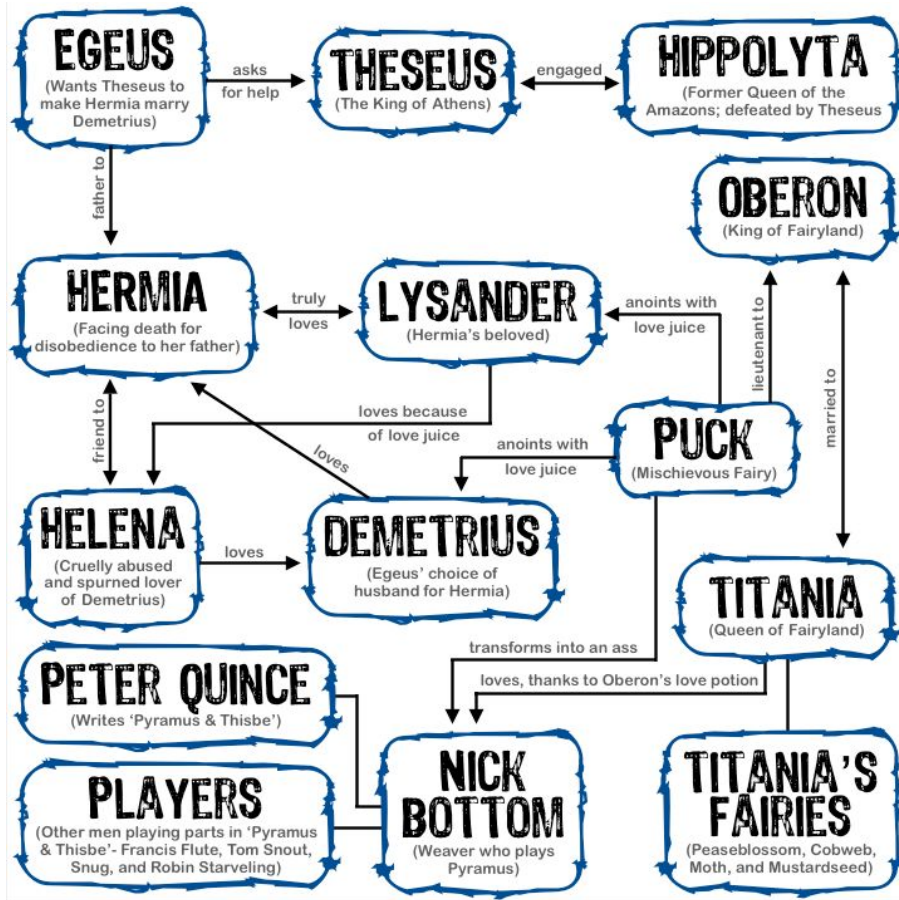
Assignment 1: Read and annotate your novel of choice. This will be turned in during the first week of school, and it will be your first quiz grade. If you are having a hard time annotating, please use the following link to help with your understanding:

[Annotating Text Lesson by Endofthehall2008](#)

The above ten minute video gives students a great example of how they should interact with their text.

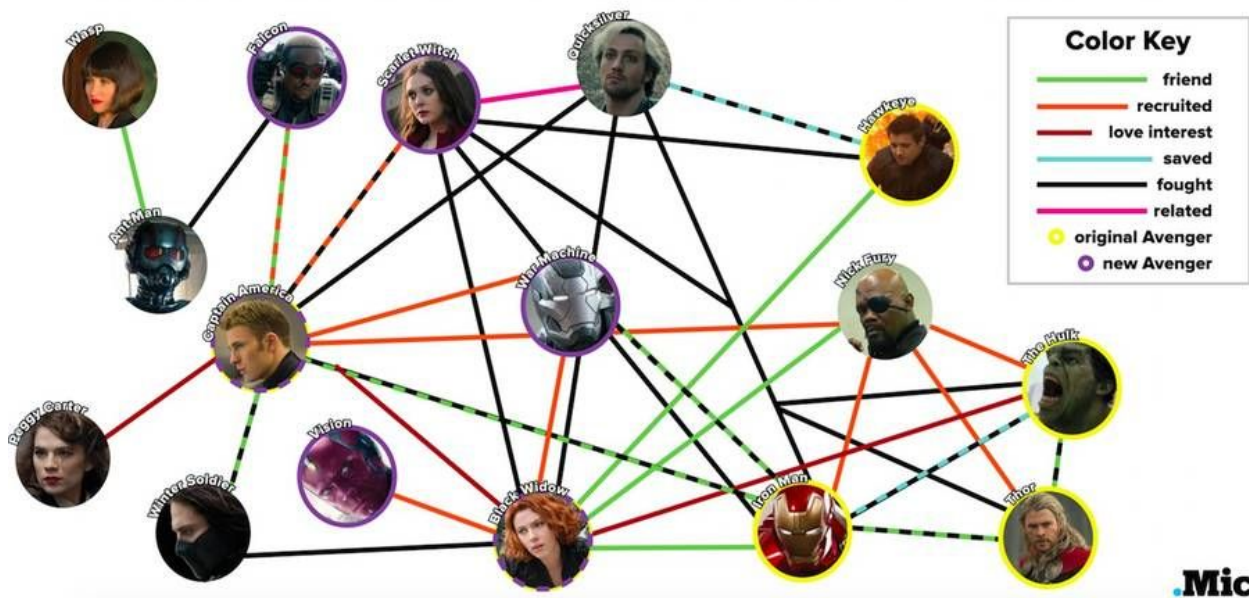
Assignment 2: Create a character map for your novel. The look of this is up to you. Your character map will look nothing like another student's character map, so be creative.

Example: Character Map for *A Midsummer Night's Dream*



Example: Marvel Comics Character Map

## How Marvel's Cinematic Heroes Connect



Assignment 3: Answer the following five questions in complete sentences and paragraph format. Discuss as much as you need to discuss in order for me to understand that you read the book and fully understand what you have read.

1: Setting/Context: Describe the setting of the novel in detail. If your novel travels over different settings, then you need to list and describe all of them. Also make sure to research any background information you need to know about the setting and the time period (this is also known as context).

2: Conflict: Describe the main conflicts in the novel. Explain who or what is in each conflict, and describe what type of conflict it is (man v. man, man v. nature, etc...)

3: Theme: What is the major theme of the novel, and what is the author trying to explain through his writing?

4: Characterization: Pick one of the main characters, and describe their character traits and motivations. Also explain whether they are a round or flat character and a dynamic or static character. Make sure to use evidence from your text to backup your beliefs.

5: Literary Elements: Find five literary elements in your novel (allusion, metaphor, simile, etc...). List them directly from the novel and put the page number where you found them. Also identify which literary element each example represents.