



ENGLISH 30-1 ADULT Novel Choices (choose one)

419 by Will Ferguson

419 takes the reader behind the scenes of the world's most insidious Internet scam. Laura, the protagonist, journeys into the dangerous Lagos underworld to confront her father's killer. And it all begins with a single email.

Born to Run by Christopher McDougall

McDougall takes us to the most brutal terrain in search of the Tarahumara Indians of Mexico where they run hundreds of miles without rest while enjoying every mile of it. He takes us to high-tech science labs and to the sun-baked valleys and freezing peaks across North America. His conclusion? We were born to run!

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Sarah doesn't want Handful as a slave, but over time, the two girls develop a secret friendship. This powerful novel traces the lives of these two girls as they mature and develop. Sarah becomes a fighter for the abolition of slavery while Handful seeks ways to either buy her freedom or escape.

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

A blind French girl, Marie-Laure, and a German boy, Werner, whose paths intersect in occupied France, seek to survive the devastation of World War II. Through the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, Doerr confronts us with what it means to be human and depicts ways in which people try to be good to one another.

The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway

One day during the war in Sarajevo, the cellist witnesses the death of 22 people standing in line to buy bread. So shattered is he by this tragic moment, he vows to play "Albinoni's Adagio" for 22 days, one for each victim, on the hour of their death.

The Back of the Turtle by Thomas King

Gabriel works for the company that created a product which indirectly led to the devastation of his reserve. Now he has come to see the damage and to kill himself as he can no longer live with this guilt. As he prepares for his death, he is interrupted, which leads to postponing his suicide.

The Enchanted by Rene Denfeld

The Enchanted is a story of men who are on death row, and a young lady who is hired to save them from their fate. The lady connects with a fallen priest who looks for redemption by trying to fulfill the spiritual needs of the convicted. This is a story of evil and redemption.

Film Choices (choose one)

- The Words (2012)
- Lars and the Real Girl (2007)
- Four Feathers (2002)
- Good Will Hunting (1997)
- The Hours (2002)
- American Beauty (1999)
- Elizabeth (2007)
- The Judge (2014)

Please be aware that a number of the novels and films for this course deal with mature content and strong language.