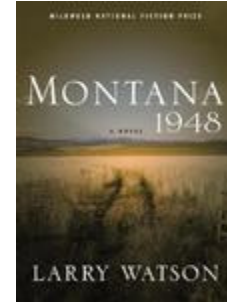


**COURSE TITLE:** Voices of American Literature (**Grade 10**)

**CHOICE TEXT:** *Montana 1948*

**AUTHOR:** Larry Watson

**GENRE:** Regional Fiction



**SUMMARY:**

The reader is led beyond the seemingly normal appearance of a Montana sheriff's family into an undercurrent of family secrets, some of them murderous. David Hayden is forced to evaluate the actions and motivations of the members of his family and, eventually, take sides in the battle between family loyalty and justice. This summer of discovery changes his family and marks him forever.

**REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE:**

During the first marking period, students will compose a compare/contrast essay about choices and consequences using the main character from a summer reading book and a character from one of the short stories in the opening unit of the year.

**SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE:**

Through a journal or log, students may trace the major decisions of the main characters, as well as the consequences of those decisions. These journals/logs will not be collected, but will be helpful for in-class discussions. Students who have completed a journal/log may use them during the completion of a graphic organizer during the first days of school.