

## SUMMER READING COURSE LINK

### CHOICE TITLES

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	The Spirit of American Literature
<b>GRADE</b>	10
<b>TITLE</b>	<i>Montana 1948</i>
<b>AUTHOR</b>	Larry Watson
<b>GENRE</b>	Contemporary Fiction

### DESCRIPTION

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

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 need to trace the major decisions of the main characters, as well as the consequences of those decisions. These journals/logs will be used for discussions and completion of a graphic organizer during the first days of school.