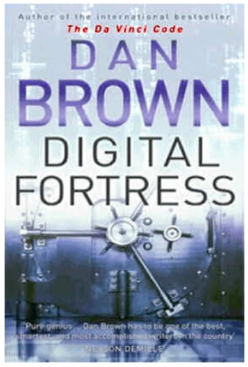
COURSE TITLE: Voices of American Literature (**Grade 10**)

CHOICE TEXT: *Digital Fortress*

AUTHOR: Dan Brown

GENRE: Science Fiction



SUMMARY:

When the NSA's invincible code-breaking machine encounters a mysterious code it cannot break, the agency calls its head cryptographer, Susan Fletcher, a brilliant, beautiful mathematician. What she uncovers sends shock waves through the corridors of power. The NSA is being held hostage -- not by guns or bombs -- but by a code so complex that if released would cripple U.S. intelligence. Caught in an accelerating battle of secrecy and lies, Fletcher battles to save the agency she believes in. Betrayed on all sides, she finds herself fighting not only for her country but also for her life, and, in the end, for the life of the man she loves.

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.