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Anotace: The worksheets can be used when learning about literature of the United States. The material offers brief summaries of some great American novels. The tasks focus on reading comprehension, speaking skills, and logical thinking.

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I. Match the Author with the title of his work then continue to part II:

Mark Twain	A. The Grapes of Wrath
Nathaniel Hawthorne	B. The Last of the Mohicans
Stephen Crane	C. Fahrenheit 451
F. Scott Fitzgerald	D. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
John Steinbeck	E. The Scarlet Letter
Ernest Hemingway	F. Moby Dick
Kurt Vonnegut	G. A Farewell to Arms
Ray Bradbury	H. The Great Gatsby
Herman Melville	I. The Red Badge of Courage
James Fenimore Cooper	J. Slaughterhouse-5

II. Instructions: Now match the Author/Title with the book summary.

1. Mark Twain – Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	A. The story primarily concerns a young and mysterious millionaire and his quixotic passion for the beautiful Daisy Buchanan. It explores themes of decadence, idealism, resistance to change, social upheaval, and excess, creating a portrait of the Jazz Age that has been described as a cautionary tale regarding the American Dream.
2. Nathaniel Hawthorne – The Scarlet Letter	B. Set during the Italian campaign of World War I., the book is a first-person account of American Frederic Henry, serving as a Lieutenant in the ambulance corps of the Italian Army.
3. Stephen Crane – The Red Badge of Courage	C. A satirical novel about World War II experiences and journeys through time of a soldier named Billy Pilgrim. The firebombing of Dresden is a central event making the novel semi-autobiographical, as the author was actually present during the bombing.
4. F. Scott Fitzgerald – the Great Gatsby	D. Taking place during the American Civil War, the story is about a young private of the Union Army, Henry Fleming, who flees from the field of battle. Overcome with shame, he longs for a wound to counteract his cowardice.
5. John Steinbeck – The Grapes of Wrath	E. A dystopian novel which presents a future society where books are outlawed and "firemen" burn any that are found. The title refers to the temperature understood to be the auto-ignition point of paper.
6. Ernest Hemingway – A Farewell to Arms	F. Set in 17th-century Puritan Boston, Massachusetts, it tells the story of Hester Prynne, who conceives a daughter through an adulterous affair and struggles to create a new life of repentance and dignity. Themes of legalism, sin, and guilt are explored.
7. Kurt Vonnegut – Slaughterhouse-5	G. Set during the Great Depression, the novel focuses on the Joads, a poor family of tenant farmers driven from their Oklahoma home by drought, economic hardship, agricultural industry changes and bank foreclosures. Due to their nearly hopeless situation, the Joads set out for California.
8. Ray Bradbury – Fahrenheit 451	H. Set in 1757, during the French and Indian War (the Seven Years' War), when France and Great Britain battled for control of North America.
9. Herman Melville – Moby Dick	I. Set in Southern antebellum society, the book is noted for its colorful description of people and places along the Mississippi River. The work is among the first in major American literature to be written throughout in vernacular English.
10. James Fenimore Cooper – The Last of the Mohicans	J. The work is an epic sea story of Captain Ahab's voyage in pursuit of a sperm whale. It is considered a leading work of American Romanticism.

Answers:

1. I
2. F
3. D
4. A
5. G
6. B
7. C
8. E
9. J
10. H

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