

**Incoming 11th-Grade
Summer Reading & Writing Assignment**

Grade Read for American Literature only: *Gilded Mountain* by Kate Manning

Over the summer, please read *Gilded Mountain* by Kate Manning. When we gather for class in September, the first unit of the year will cover the genre of the American short story. We will read a variety of diverse authors who, through their works of fiction, make wildly different statements about the United States. Kate Manning's recent novel tells a story local to us in Carbondale, and although fiction, the narrative is based on the Crystal River Valley. Please read this novel and be prepared to write about it and discuss it in class on the first day of school. As you read, think about how this novel uses our local area to make a broader statement about American society.