English 1483 Summer Reading Assignment

Listed below are a number of novels by twentieth-century British authors. Select and read two. A five-paragraph comparative essay will be due on the first day of school. Consider focusing on a topic such as similar thematic developments, character analysis, symbolism, etc. (I would suggest that you do a bit of preliminary research to find out what the novels are about before you make your selections.) Your essay should NOT include outside research, but it should include specific references to the texts (quotes) and should adhere to MLA format (heading, internal citations, etc.). The term paper for this course will involve either one or both of the novels you select, so make your choice wisely. Happy reading!

Bowen, Elizabeth. The Last September.

Conrad, Joseph. Lord Jim.

---. The Secret Agent.

Du Maurier, Daphne. Rebecca.

Ford, Ford Madox. The Good Soldier.

Forster, E. M. Howard's End.

---. A Passage to India.

---. A Room with a View.

Greene, Graham. Brighton Rock.

---. The End of the Affair.

Joyce, James. A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man.

Lawrence, D. H. Sons and Lovers.

Waugh, Evelyn. Brideshead Revisited.

Woolf, Virginia. Mrs. Dalloway.

---. To the Lighthouse.