

Summer Reading for Students Entering English3 (Grade 11) in August, 2020

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Directions:

1. **Read** the short story [“A Temporary Matter” by Jhumpa Lahiri](#).

When you are reading, consider two main elements:

- the role of the **‘unspoken’** in the story
- the **themes** that the story explores

Reminder: a theme is a universal message, idea or lesson that a piece of literature explores or presents. It differs from plot.

2. **Write down** your thoughts about these two important elements. Consider the role that the ‘unspoken’ has played in your own life. Be ready to discuss further when we meet in August.

If it is possible to print a copy, you will find it easier to annotate and you will have something to refer to more easily during discussion.

Due date: Bring your thoughts and your notes to class when we meet in August. An initial activity will be a discussion about this story and a more in-depth response

- ★ If you are interested in doing more reading over the summer, you may choose to read other stories from the collection in which this story appears, *Interpreter of Maladies*.