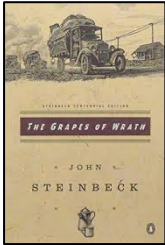




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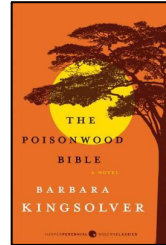
Honors English 11 Summer Reading Assignment 2024



The Grapes of Wrath
by John Steinbeck

ISBN: 978-0-14-200066-3

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The Poisonwood Bible
by Barbara Kingsolver

ISBN 978-0061577079

Over the summer you will be reading two classic novels; *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck (1939) and *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver (1998). Both are stories of American families but from quite different times and circumstances. Great literature allows us to experience worlds and situations that we would not otherwise be able to, and so my wish for you this summer is to learn about lives that are unlike your own but yet that incorporate universal aspects about what makes us human. Take your time reading these two classic American novels and be ready to take a **reading comprehension quiz** and **write an in-class essay** over each during the first week(s) of school.

In order to prepare for the in-class essay, I recommend that you annotate your novel. You will be able to use your own copy of the novel for this in-class essay. The more you annotate - in a way that is meaningful to you - the more you will get out of your reading. Here are my suggestions:

1. Always read with a pencil in hand. Having something to write with helps me focus. I love being ready to underline a beautiful or insightful phrase or make a comment in the margin.
2. Create a character list in the inside cover of the novel. Especially in longer novels this helps to keep track of each character. I include page numbers when key characters are introduced and when significant events occur.
3. List a few key plot points at the end of each chapter.
4. Actively look for the messages (themes) from the author and note them.