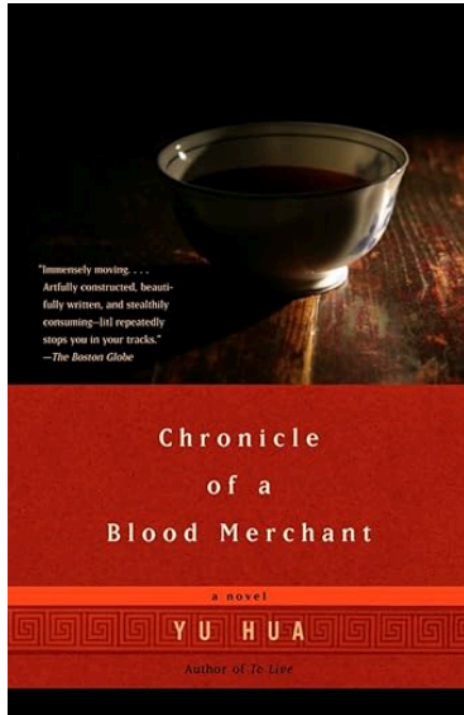


EN313H AP World Literature

Summer Reading - *Chronicle of a Blood Merchant* by Yu Hua

Yu, Hua. *Chronicle of a Blood Merchant: A Novel*. Translated by Andrew F. Jones, Anchor Books, 2004.

ISBN-10: 9781400031856



Before reading this novel, you should research the author's biography, modern Chinese family life (especially family relations and dynamics), and the Cultural Revolution. Here are some recommended sources:

[Yu Hua - Biography](#)

[Interview with Yu Hua](#)

[What It's Really Like to Live and Work in China](#)

[Cultural Atlas: Chinese Naming Conventions](#)

[Introduction to the Cultural Revolution](#)

[Stranger Than Fiction - A Q & A with Yu Hua](#)

Your assignment is to read the novel, highlighting and annotating key passages as you do, and to prepare for discussion and an extemp analytical essay (quiz) during the first week of classes. This in-class assessment will ask you to identify the context and prevailing literary elements in select passages from the novel and to infer the overarching theme from them.