

AP 12 Literature and Composition Independent Reading Assignment 2026-2027

AP Literature FALL Reading Novel

<i>The Poisonwood Bible</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
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Due to the necessity of group discussion and analysis in this course, students will begin reading the novel, *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver AFTER we meet in late September/early October of fall semester 2026 for an overview of this, different, assignment.

This class is heavily dependent on class discussion/participation, which can take time to cultivate; therefore, we will begin having “virtual” discussions during the second half of the fall semester using a Google Classroom discussion forum.

Reading assignments will be short (no more than thirty pages per week, usually less) and you will be required to post one comment/question/observation and respond to two classmates’ posts. We will NOT be even halfway through the novel by the time we meet for our first class in January; however, we WILL already be having class discussion/dialogue which will make the first few weeks of class much smoother and productive for all of us :).

I have several copies of the novel if you would like to borrow one, or feel free to order your own (annotating/using post-its is HIGHLY recommended :). Below is a link for the paperback edition on Amazon, but you might want to check Thriftbooks online or try Second and Charles.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to come by my classroom or email me at jordan.matthews@acs-k12.org.

LINK TO *THE POISONWOOD BIBLE* ON AMAZON:

<https://www.amazon.com/Poisonwood-Bible-Novel-Barbara-Kingsolver/dp/0060786507>

***AP Literature* students need to see Ms. Matthews about your reading assignment before the end of the spring semester! :)**