

AP English Literature and Composition Mrs. Salley

Summer Reading—June 2020 Welcome to AP Lit!

First I want to make sure you are all safe and healthy and ready to get back to a normal, a new normal, or an abnormal school environment. We left abruptly without connecting about the summer or the upcoming year. Let's proceed with hope and good intentions! If I can answer any questions you have about the course, do not hesitate to contact me. I realize you may not have been able to work on your college essay; I will give you time and attention on this topic. My email is as follows: salley_christy@mybps.us

Reading

To give us a running start on our work for next fall, you will have a reading assignment to complete over the summer: *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck and *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. These novels are the basis for opening discussions and an in-class writing assignment.

Quotes

In the early days of AP Lit we will learn to approach fiction through an examination of the individual elements that comprise the work, appreciating that each element is a conscious choice of the author. To get us started, I'd like you to select four quotes from each of the books, representing four of these major elements: **setting, character, symbolism, and style** (we'll leave point of view and plot/structure till later). Find a quote that exemplifies each element and write a brief comment about what you notice or what you think the author was trying to achieve.

IF ...you have extra time on your hands this summer, I highly recommend picking up the Bible and reading Genesis and Exodus and/or brushing up on *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton (Parts 1, 2, 4, 5). You will more readily understand the allusions in works we will read this year, including your summer reading.