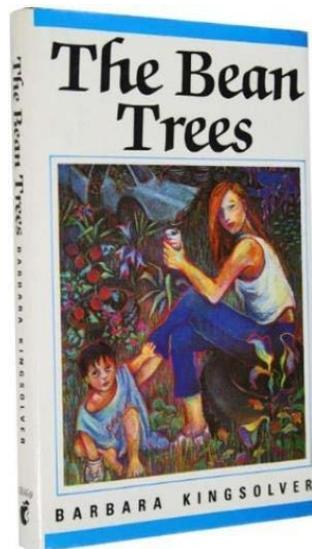


English 120, 121, 122

2017-2018

Summer Reading



Introduction: In Junior year, you will be studying American Literature and how the American Dream has influenced the people of our nation since its colonial times. The novel, **The Bean Trees**, by Barbara Kingsolver, is set in the 1980's and provides a contemporary insight into how the major characters attempt to pursue their versions of the American Dream.

Please read this accompanying packet before you start to read **The Bean Trees**, in order to annotate, or make notes in the margin of the text when it pertains to something that is asked in the packet. You may also want to keep track of the page numbers where you found the information so you can easily go back to reference it.

Complete this packet as an e document (Word, Google Doc). **On the first full day of school, you will submit this to turnitin while in English class.**

Plagiarism Reminder

Plagiarism can be defined as submitting another person's ideas, words, images, or data without giving that person credit or proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism, a form of academic dishonesty, is tantamount to stealing and will not be tolerated. **Submitting another person's work for this assignment will result in an automatic zero.** This may significantly lower your final grade. Furthermore, plagiarism, a form of cheating, will be reported to both the class dean and your parents. We will discuss methods for avoiding plagiarism as the school year progresses.

The Bean Trees

Name: _____

English 120, 121, 122

Summer Reading

Taylor and Her Travels



The plot of **The Bean Trees** deals with the travels of Taylor Greer. Identify in the order in which she traveled, the state, the conflicts she encounters, and how she resolves them. Use bullet points in identifying conflicts and resolutions

State	Conflicts	Resolutions

Personal Conflict: Write a brief paragraph describing a conflict you experienced and how you resolved it.

The Name Game

Taylor decides she is going to make a new start in life and change everything, even her name. Complete the following regarding Taylor and Turtle. Also, if you could rename yourself, what

would it be and why?

Original Name	New Name	Reason for Change

Coming to Terms

Throughout the novel, several terms and references are made. Identify the following:

Term/Reference	Definition/Meaning
Nutter	
Tow head	
Sanctuary	
Head rights	
Picayune	
Pungent	
Spit nails	
Sing Sing	
Parkinson's disease	
Jackson Purchase	
Ace in the hole	
Polaroid Camera	
Plaits	
PCP	
Woolworth's	

Modern Family

Who are the persons that are a part of Taylor's new family and how do they all interact in this "family"?

Dream Chasers

What are the dreams of the following characters and how do they go about trying to attain them?

Taylor

Dream(s)	Efforts to attain

Lu Ann

Dream(s)	Efforts to attain

Mattie

Dream(s)	Efforts to attain

Esperanza

Dream(s)	Efforts to attain

What dream do you have and what do you need to do to attain it?

Social Issues

It is nearly 30 years since Barbara Kingsolver wrote **The Bean Trees** in 1988. In it, she

addresses three major social issues: single parenting, disabilities, and illegal immigration. Provide specific examples from the novel for each issue, summarize her point of view regarding these problems, and then respond to how these problems have or have not improved in 2017.

Single Parenthood

Examples from the novel	Kingsolver's Perspective	Current Reality

Disabilities

Examples from the novel	Kingsolver's Perspective	Current Reality

Illegal Immigration

Examples from the novel	Kingsolver's Perspective	Current Reality