

# 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](mailto: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.