



Washington Township High School
English Department
2018 Summer Reading Assignment

Grade: 9th
Level: Honors

Assignment: You are required to read *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck **and** one self-selected book from the Book Choice List and complete the assignment below.

You will complete this assignment twice. Once for each book. You will have **two** separate documents.

Directions:

- You MUST bring this assignment on the FIRST day of school.
- Typed and follow MLA format for heading, font, spacing, and margins.
- Use details, examples, and specific information from your book to support each answer.
- Each answer must be at least five sentences, but should not exceed ten.
- Answers must be original. Any collaboration, plagiarism, or borrowed materials are prohibited and will result in a zero, as per school policy.
- Be prepared to discuss in class.

Answer all of the following questions.

1. **Setting/Historical Period:** When writing a book, the author deliberately chooses a time and place in which to set the story. If the book were set in a different time or place, how would it impact the story?
2. **Character:** Most authors try to create characters that experience change. Choose the/a central character and explain how he or she has grown or changed throughout the book.
3. **Conflict:** Every narrative consists of a central problem or issue which you have learned as the central "conflict". Explain the conflict or issue that is central to your book.
4. **Theme:** Theme does not just have to be a "moral to a story". Choose a key line from the text that represents the central theme. Be sure to explain why this line is central to the book.

Assessment: The assignment will be graded and count towards your 1st Marking Period average.

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