

12th Grade Summer Reading

1. Required Book #1: *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver

*CGLA will provide copies of this book (available in the front office), but you may also choose to purchase your own to keep.

Required Essay Prompt for *The Bean Trees*: Choose a theme from the book (the thematic statement could be based on one of the following concepts: family, homelessness, outside vs. insider, community, etc). You may also choose your own theme. Whatever you choose, you will write a 2-3 page essay tracing that theme's development over the course of the novel (**not** summarizing the book!). Be sure to cite specific textual evidence. Your response should be typed in Times New Roman 12pt font with double spacing and 1-inch margins throughout.

2. Required Book #2: This year, in order for you to get a head start on senior project research, **the second required book will be one that is relevant to your senior project topic.** You will choose this book, but it **MUST** provide you with background information that you will need to begin your senior project in August when we return. Come back to school as an expert on your topic!

Required Assignment for Senior Project Book: You must write a 1-2 page informal summary of the book and how you think you'll be able to use the information in your senior project. Your response should be typed in Times New Roman 12pt font with double spacing and 1-inch margins throughout.

All summer reading assignments are due when we return to school in August