

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

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

\*CGLA will provide copies of this book, 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. 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 2-3 sentence summary of every chapter or section of your chosen book.

\*CGLA will not provide these, but you are encouraged to use your \$25 voucher to McKay's Bookstore to find a relevant book.

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