

English Eleven Honors Summer Reading List and Assignment

List of Required Readings:

<i>Swamplandia</i>	by Karen Russell
<i>The Alienist</i>	by Caleb Carr
<i>Founding Gardeners</i>	by Andrea Wulf

Assignments (hand written and put into one notebook).

Keep a journal for each text, recording the following for each novel:

- Key plot events
- Narrative Point of View
- Conflicts
- Characters involved: traits; important actions/decisions; evolution/growth.
- Two themes each author develops
- Literary devices: characterization; symbol; setting; point of view; motif; irony, to name but a few).

For the non-fiction work by Andrea Wulf: a. Summarize the argument or idea Wulf presents regarding each founding father, then b. Indicate what the four men have in common [as gardeners/naturalists] c. how each is distinct from, might have learned from, the others.

Select and record ten quotations from **each** text. Indicate the meaning or significance of each. Include page numbers.

Note: You will need your own copies of these texts in the fall. You can order/purchase them new from Barnes and Noble or Amazon. If you want to save a few bucks, take a ride to The Strand Bookstore in Manhattan, located at the corner of 12th Street and Broadway. The Strand is an iconic New York City locale anyway, and worth the trip. Check the website to see if the books you want ARE available. The Strand used books are guaranteed to be in good condition.

Further Note: Very cool coffee hot spot across the street, *The Bean*, not (I promise) owned by a family member.

Final Note: The Andrea Wulf text is also your summer reading assignment for United States History.

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