

English Eleven Regents Summer Reading List and Assignment 2019

List of Required Readings:

- Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neil Hurston
- Collected Stories by Willa Cather
- The Gift of Good Land by Wendell Berry

Assignments (handwritten and put into one notebook):

Keep a journal for each text, recording the following:

For the novel and the short story collection:

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

For the non-fiction work The Gift of Good Land):

- key arguments
- nature of the evidence presented
- author's analysis of the problem/issue.
- author's suggested course of action - analysis of same

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. 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 spot across the street , The Bean, not owned by family.

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