

English Eleven Regents Summer Reading List and Assignment 2021

List of Required Readings

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neil Hurston

The Troll Garden by Willa Cather

The Gift of Good Land by Wendell Berry

Assignments (hand written 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
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- Literary devices: characterization; symbol; setting; point of view; motif; irony, to name but a few).

For *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, when it is safe to do so, 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 owned by a family member. Any questions: contact Ms. Caughey @ caughey.j@stsaviour.org