

Summer Reading Requirement

English 10H



You MUST read...

Rebecca by Daphne DuMaurier AND

The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver

AND you may choose between

A Separate Peace by John Knowles OR

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Guiding Questions...

Rebecca

Compare/contrast the two Mrs. de Winters

Characterize the relationship between Mr. de Winters and the protagonist.

Describe Beatrice.

Be able to explain the true history of the first Mrs. de Winters.

Why is Mrs. Danvers loyal to Mrs. de Winters?

How is this a Romantic novel? A Gothic novel?

Know all characters, conflicts, setting, plot, and themes.

Poisonwood Bible

1. How does Kingsolver differentiate among the Price sisters, particularly in terms of their voices? What does each sister reveal about herself and the other three, their relationships, their mother and father, and their lives in Africa? What is the effect of our learning about events and people through the sisters' eyes?
2. What do we learn about cultural, social, religious, and other differences between Africa and America? To what degree do Orleanna and her daughters come to an understanding of those differences? Do you agree with what you take to be Kingsolver's message concerning such differences?
3. How does Kingsolver present the double themes of captivity and freedom and of love and betrayal? What kinds of captivity and freedom does she explore? What kinds of love and betrayal? What are the causes and consequences of each kind of captivity, freedom, love, and betrayal?

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Flies: Anne Frank once wrote, "Despite everything, I believe that people are really good at heart." Explain how William Golding might respond to that statement, considering how his characters behaved and what his message from *Flies* expressed.

Peace: One website presents this novel as an analysis of war, but not of the traditional, physical arena that one might expect in a World War II piece. What kind of war does John Knowles write about? Who is in conflict with whom? What are the sides? Is there a resolution? Is there an element of "war" in every human being? How is it manifested in this writing?