

Dear Incoming Sophomore PreAP English Student,

Welcome to English 10 PreAP. I am looking forward to a productive and interesting year with you. This class will most definitely challenge you as a true advanced placement student—your initiative, your responsibility, and your sense of academic curiosity.

One expectation for you as we begin our year together is the summer reading assignment. This summer's novel is THE BEAN TREES by Barbara Kingsolver. This book may be purchased at most any bookstore, or you may check out a copy from the public library; however, having a copy of your own may prove more helpful as we use them in class.

Read this book carefully and gradually throughout the summer. Please don't wait until a week before school to begin reading. In addition to your careful reading, you are expected to maintain a Dialectical Notebook on THE BEAN TREES. This journal's entries are not written accounts of THE BOOK'S PLOT, but of its impact on you, the reader. Specific expectations regarding each of these activities are also posted on this Edline page. Other activities associated with this novel will include discussions, presentations, quizzes, and writings in class.

In addition to reading THE BEAN TREES, you will also maintain a Response Journal for **Non-fiction Reading** this summer. You will need to read at least 6 news magazine articles from state, national, and/or international publications. You will write in response to each article demonstrating a variety of HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS such as those listed on the attached model for this assignment.

Both Journals may be maintained in one spiral, but please place them in divided sections of that spiral. They may be hand-written neatly and legibly or word-processed.

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