

## WORLD LITERATURE SUMMER 2011 ASSIGNMENTS

### **PART I**

Read Dr. Adler's essay, "How to Mark a Book" (attached as a PDF file to the main summer reading list). Formally, we call this "annotation," and it is not only recommended...it is **REQUIRED** for Part II of your summer assignment.

That being said, marking a book is certainly an activity that is personal and unique to you as an individual. It is important that you create a system that works well for you ~ consider the possibilities of highlighters, colored pens or pencils, and post-it notes as some of your options. Your personal book-marking system will develop over time. The following is an **ANNOTATION RUBRIC** which will guide you in your work (and upon which your annotation for the summer reading will be assessed):

5 The text is extensively highlighted or underlined with many margin notes in addition to shorthand notations. The annotations demonstrate that the student has carefully read and considered the text's meaning. The margin notes serve as an abbreviated outline of what the text says and what the reader thinks about it.

4 The text is extensively highlighted or underlined with fewer margin notes compared to the most carefully considered readings. Shorthand notations are present. The annotations which are there demonstrate that the student has carefully read and considered the text's meaning.

3 The text is less extensively highlighted or underlined with some margin notes and shorthand markings. The annotations demonstrate a less thorough reading of the work than the top two ratings.

2 The text is highlighted or underlined and the student uses shorthand markings. There are virtually no margin notes; consequently, it is impossible to determine how thorough the reading of the text has been.

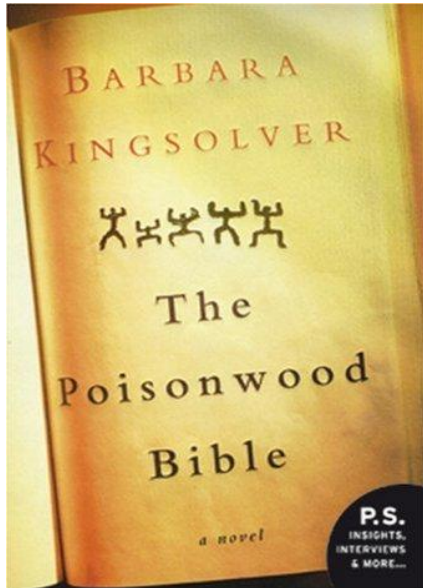
1 Only shorthand margin notations are used or part of the text is unmarked or there are so few notations overall that the text may not have been read completely.

0 The text is unmarked.

## **PART II**

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver (ISBN: 978-0060786502)

*Poisonwood Bible* is currently available on amazon.com for \$11.66.



Please annotate the novel according to the assigned essay and rubric found above.

## **Part III**

In addition, we will begin the school year by working on your college application essay. If you don't have the prompts for the school(s) to which you plan to apply, GET THEM. On the first day of class, you must turn in an MLA-formatted college application essay. Be certain to include a copy of the prompt. The grades for the college essay as well as the annotation will be recorded the first day of classes.