

AP Literature and Composition
Summer reading 2022
Mrs. Smith

I'm so excited to see you in class in just a few short months. Amidst all of the fun and relaxation, choose to spend your time **READING!** Stretch that reading muscle as much as you can this summer to keep your mind active and engaged. Don't be that student who tells me on the first day of school how your summer was spent avoiding reading at all cost. At the very least, take some time to begin a favorite book of mine and our first novel of the year, Barbara Kingsolver's The Poisonwood Bible.

Please read Books I and II of The Poisonwood Bible. We will discuss the reading during our first week of classes. You do not have to annotate the book because I just want you to enjoy reading and not be slowed down by marking (there will be plenty of time for that during class).

When you have finished reading, send me your thoughts via email. I want to know your initial insights into the story. What do you think of the characters and their different perspectives on the Congo? To whom do you think Orleanna is addressing this story? Is there an obvious antagonist to this story? What is the value in hearing a story told from so many different voices? Though your thoughts may be expressed informally, do not abandon the mechanics of good writing. Put that letter or essay in a google document, please, and email that document to me at bsmith@harvestchristianacademy.org. This needs to be done before school begins in August and will be your first grade in the grade book.