

English III
Summer Reading

As you are reading your novel, you should add notes or questions to the margins of your novel. Remember you are required to read ONE novel.

The Bean Trees
The Joy Luck Club

1. The point of view is an important aspect of both novels. Examine how the point of view affected your understanding of the characters. Choose one character and explain how the character is depicted at different points in the novel. In other words, how does the narration influence how we view the character?
 - Include at least two paraphrased details and two direct quotes with the proper page numbers as support.
 - These details should come from different points in the novel.
 - See the definitions below for clarification.
2. What did you like about the novel? What did you not like? When answering these questions, be specific and include a reason.
3. Did you find any part of the novel confusing? If so, where?

Important elements of fiction:

Characterization: Characterization is a literary device that is used step by step in literature to highlight and explain the details about a character in a story.

It is in the initial stage where the writer introduces the character, and then following the introduction of the character, the writer often talks about his behavior; then as the story progresses, the thought-process of the character. The next stage involves the character expressing his opinions and ideas and getting into conversations with the rest of the characters. The final part shows how others in the story respond to the character's personality.

Point of View: Point of view is the angle of considering things, which shows us the opinion, or feelings of the individuals involved in a situation. In literature, point of view is the mode of narration that an author employs to let the readers "hear" and "see" what takes place in a story, poem, essay etc.