

English III Summer Reading

You have a choice of novels:

The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver OR

The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Assignment:

Read the novel and **highlight** important details about the way the author describes main characters. This is called characterization.

Characterization is a literary device that is used step-by-step in literature to highlight and explain the details of a character in a story. It is in the initial stage in which the writer introduces the character. After introducing the character, the writer often talks about their behavior; then, as the story progresses, the thought processes of the character become apparent.

The next stage involves the character expressing their 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.

During the first week of school, you will work in class on a response sheet that your teacher will give to you. Your work will follow discussion as well as coordination with classmates who have read the same novel you have read. The response sheet you will complete is worth 25 quiz points.

Enjoy the novel you choose to read!

Enjoy your summer!

