

English III Summer Reading

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by Kim Michele Richardson



Assignment:

Read the novel and **highlight** details and examples of the messages the author is conveying through the story. These messages are known as themes.

*A **theme** is a universal idea, lesson, or message explored throughout a work of literature. One key characteristic of literary themes is their universality, which is to say that themes are ideas that not only apply to the specific characters and events of a book or play, but also express broader truths about human experience that readers can apply to their own lives.*

- All works of literature have themes. The same work can have multiple themes, and many different works explore the same or similar themes.
- Themes are almost never stated explicitly. Oftentimes, you can identify a work's themes by looking for a repeating symbol or phrase that appears again and again throughout a story, since it often signals a recurring concept or idea.
- Themes to look for in this novel include **Kindness and Discrimination, The Power of Books, and Hardship and Humanity.**

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 and enjoy your summer!

