

English III/Gifted and Talented/AP Reading Assignment Summer Of 2011

1. Read *East of Eden*, by John Steinbeck.

Notice Steinbeck's extensive use of figurative language and Biblical allusions, as well as his careful cataloging of the names of small cities, the names of flowers, and details in nature.

You should note these and other stylistic, characterization, and thematic issues in your book. You may want to make special notes in your copy of the book. An especially good essay about marking books is located at

<http://www.tnellen.com/cybereng/adler.html>.

You may even want to use the suggestions found at

<http://slowreads.com/ResourcesHowToMarkABook.htm>

You may also find that reviewing the fourth chapter of *Genesis* will help your understanding of the title and the names of the characters.

Be prepared to take a reading comprehension and essay test the first week of school.

2. Reading List for the Year

It is strongly suggested that you purchase copies of the following novels so that you can make textual notes as we read them during the school year:

The Grapes of Wrath (Penguin)

The Sound and the Fury (Vintage)

The Great Gatsby (Scribner Paperback Edition)

King Lear (Folgers)

The Joy Luck Club (Penguin)

The Things They Carried (Broadway Books)

Have a restful summer. I look forward to meeting you all in August and sharing a great year in GT English.