

IB 12 Summer Reading Assignment

Students entering the 12th grade IB English class for the 2011-12 school year are required to read a novel and selected poems. There are two assignments due when students return to school in the fall.

Required IB 12 Summer Reading

The God of Small Things, Arundhati Roy

Selected Poems by Wilfred Owen and Elizabeth Bishop (Attached)

Owen—"Dulce et Decorum Est," "Anthem for Doomed Youth," "Disabled"

Web site for Owen Poems: <http://www.oucs.ox.ac.uk/ww1lit/collections/owen>

Bishop—"The Fish," "Filling Station," "One Art"

Web sites for Bishop poems:

http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/virtualit/poetry/fish_elements.html

<http://www.poets.org/viewall.php/varType/poems/prmOrderBy/>

The novel is available through the English Department.

Summer Assignment:

For *The God of Small Things*:

Choose seven characters (both main and secondary characters). Compile a list of two quotes per character that reveal the personality and important information about the character. Be sure to cite the page number for each quote. This will be handed in when you come to school. These will be used for an assignment about the different characters early in the semester. Quotations will serve as evidence that you have read the text; as such, they should be drawn from throughout the text.

You may also want to keep track of other interesting quotes as you read.

For the poetry:

Mark up the poems, identifying interesting language and aspects of the writing style that help convey the meaning. You will write an essay on one of the poems early in the semester.

Web Links

For *The God of Small Things*

A great study guide with many terms explained--

<http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/anglophone/roy.html>

Elizabeth Bishop

http://www.english.uiuc.edu/maps/poets/a_f/bishop/bishop.htm

Wilfred Owen

<http://www.hcu.ox.ac.uk/jtap/warpoems.htm>