

SUPA ENGLISH SUMMER READING

This fall you will be taking a concurrent college course from Syracuse University which will be referred to as SUPA English. The acronym stands for Syracuse University Project Advance. As you will be earning college credit, we will follow a syllabus that matches those taught on the Syracuse campus for each semester course. Keeping this in mind, the regular summer reading assignment that all seniors complete does not apply to you. In fact, you will not be completing a summer reading assignment during the first days of class nor will summer reading count as 10% of your first marking period grade.

However, I would like you to read *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. We will be looking at aspects of that novel in both semesters of SUPA English: WRT 105 and ETS 142.

As you read the novel, please pay careful attention to all of the sections that are narrated by Orleanna Price. Also, pay careful attention to Adah's sections. As you read, you should annotate the text by looking for key passages, noting and researching historical references, and keeping track of the different voices of the various narrators. Also keep in mind that although Nathan Price does not narrate any of the chapters, we distinctly hear his voice.

I would like for you to obtain your own copy of the novel. However, if you would rather borrow one from the English department, I have copies for you to sign out. Again, you will not be asked to complete a specific assignment in September but rather this will be one of the texts we use throughout the year.