



Welcome, Sophomores!

Honors World Literature (10th grade) Summer Reading 2023

Required reading for all students: *The Good Earth* by Pearl S. Buck

“Nobel Laureate Pearl S. Buck’s epic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a vanished China and one family’s shifting fortunes.

Though more than seventy years have passed since this remarkable novel won the Pulitzer Prize, it has retained its popularity and become one of the great modern classics. In *The Good Earth* Pearl S. Buck paints an indelible portrait of China in the 1920s, when the last emperor reigned and the vast political and social upheavals of the twentieth century were but distant rumblings. This moving, classic story of the honest farmer Wang Lung and his selfless wife O-Lan is must reading for those who would fully appreciate the sweeping changes that have occurred in the lives of the Chinese people during the last century.” *New York Times* Book Review

Read the book and highlight/annotate things that stand out to you about plot, character, theme, and setting. Be prepared to write about the novel in class when we return in August.

Please contact jodi.day@cobbk12.org if you have questions.