

## English III Summer Reading (Upcoming Juniors)

**Summer Reading Project:** *The Good Earth* ISBN-13: 978-0-7432-7293-3

As you read, note the lessons learned by Wang Lung as he moves from the life of a poor man to that of prosperity.

Marks, symbols, etc.: Develop and use your own symbols for marking. Here are a few examples, but invent your own system so that you will develop a habit.

- \* important point
- ! wow
- ? unclear; why did this happen
- + I agree; author has a good point
- I disagree; author is weak
- 1, 2, 3 first, second, third, etc.

Annotations: Write annotations in the margin about these important items.

- Highlight and annotate situations related to themes of relationship (father and son, brother to brother, husband and wife) and values.
- Circle the name of each character when you first meet him/her and underline descriptions of him/her.
- The narrative facts: Identify important facts such as who, what, where, when, why, etc. Use only one or two words for tagging these facts.
- Your personal comments: In the margin, write any important thoughts, insights, reactions, or emotions you have while reading. (I.e. “valuable insight,” “lame excuse,” “misuse of scripture by slave owner” )
- Questions: In the margin, pose questions. (I.e. “Why didn't she fight back?”)