

English 10: Summer Reading 2024

Central Question: What does it mean to live a Good Life?

1. *Green Grass, Running Water* by Thomas King + resource materials Dr. Eicher will email to you during the first week of June.. (1993, Canadian, fiction)
2. *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston (1937, American, fiction)
 - Any notes you take over the reading can be used on the Summer Reading Exam. I highly recommend taking reading notes!
 - Own your own copy of both texts (electronic and used paper are fine)
 - If you have previously read any of the material, you should reread it.
 - There will be 2-3 days of review before the Summer Reading Exam.
 - The Summer Reading Exam will be over BOTH NOVELS.

The first week of June, please check your email. I will electronically share the **Summer Reading Resource Document (SRRD)** for English 10. **The SRRD is REQUIRED READING.** You will absolutely need it before you start reading *Green Grass, Running Water*. The SRRD explains some of the stories that Thomas King alludes to/plays with in the novel. You will need this information to understand King's novel—unless you are already an expert on *Moby Dick* and the works of James Fenimore Cooper.

PACE READING ACROSS TWO MONTHS:

Please read carefully and critically. If you "read" a book in June that you can hardly remember in August...you did not read carefully or critically. Try to pace yourself over the summer so you are not slamming yourself with both novels two weeks before school. Below is a **sample reading schedule**.

You do not have to follow this schedule; however, if it helps you to have some kind of structure, this schedule can give you an idea of how to do it. You can block off vacation days, etc. and then make sure you read more on certain days to stay on schedule. Whatever you do, keep in mind you have about 800 pages of reading this summer...and leaving it until the first week of August is a reckless plan.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

I have made these page determinations based on the Bantam Books edition of *Green Grass, Running Water* (*Water*) and the Amistad 75th Anniversary Edition of *Their Eyes Were Watching God* (*Eyes*).

Week 1: June 1-June 7

–Carefully read the Summer Reading Resource Document (SRRD) for information on *Water*. By doing this, you can start the novel the first full week of June. If you are wondering what is "important" in the novel or what to take notes on, the background information in the SRRD will guide you. The SRRD is **required reading**.

Week 2: June 8-June 14

–Read *Water*, Section 1, pages 1-107 (about 15 pages a day)

Week 3: June 15-June 21

–Read *Water*, Section 2, pages 111-250 (about 19 pages a day)

Week 4: June 22-June 28

–Read *Water*, Section 3, pages 253-361 (about 15 pages a day)

Week 5: June 29-July 5

–Read *Water*, Section 4, pages 365-469 (about 15 pages a day)

Week 6: July 6-12

–Consult the Summer Reading Resource Document (SRRD) for information about *Their Eyes Were Watching God* and its author, Nora Neale Hurston. This will help you start the novel with important context. The SRRD also lists what themes to track and note, and it asks you some key questions that you should be able to answer by the end of the novel (so reading them ahead of time would be very helpful).

–*Eyes*, pages 1-50/Chapters 1-5 (about 8 pages a day)

Week 7: July 13-19

–Read *Eyes*, pages 51-99/Chapters 6-10 (about 7 pages a day)

Week 8: July 20-26

–Read *Eyes*, pages 100-153/Chapters 11-17 (about 8 pages a day)

Week 9: July 27-August 2

–Read *Eyes*, pages 154-193/Chapters 18-20 (about 6 pages a day)

SUMMER READING COMPLETE!

