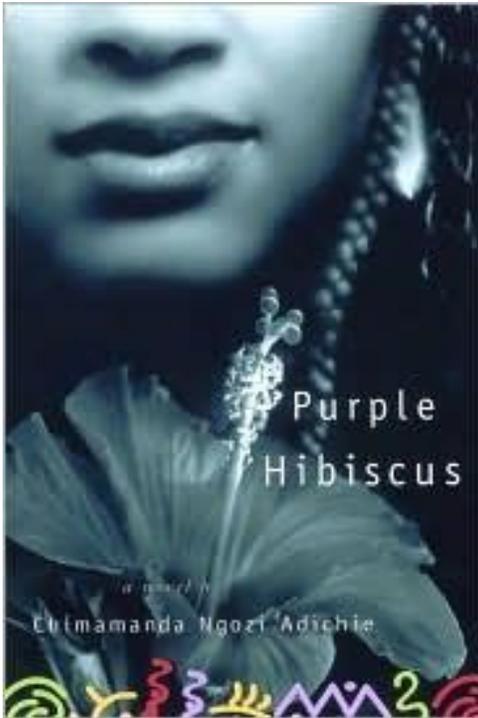


Honors World Literature: Summer Reading 2018-2019

Greetings from the Teaching Team:

Welcome to Honors World Literature! Please read the instructions for your summer reading assignment carefully. Feel free to e-mail Ms. Ritter (mr Ritter@d127.org) or Mr. Palmer (cpalmer@d127.org) over the summer with any questions.

Summer Reading Text: *Purple Hibiscus* by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



15 year old Kambili lives with her papa, mother, and brother in a well-off community in one of Nigeria's largest cities. Her father, Eugene, is a businessman, philanthropist, and a fanatically devout Catholic, but above all, he is unfathomably strict. Kambili's paralyzing need to please Eugene drives her to excel academically, but socially she flounders as a painfully shy and submissive girl. The family bends towards Eugene's furious will, causing tensions to simmer quietly until the day when "Things started to fall apart at home..."

When Nigeria begins to fall apart under a military coup, Eugene sends the children away to stay with their aunt, a University professor, whose house is noisy and full of laughter. There, Kambili and her brother discover a life and love beyond the confines of their father's authority. The visit will lift the silence from their world and, in time, give rise to devotion and defiance that reveal themselves in profound and unexpected ways. This is a book about the promise of freedom; about the blurred lines between childhood and adulthood; between love and hatred, between the old gods and the new.

Expectations

Because you will all be reading the same book this summer, you should consider this our first novel of the year; the first few weeks of the year will serve as an introduction to the course themes and objectives, as well as our expectations for you as students. **We expect you to read this book actively and critically.** There will be an assessment over the book during the first week of school.

There is no written assignment for you to complete during the summer! We really would like you to enjoy the novel as you read!