Intensive English 2 2017 Summer Reading Assignment (50 pts - Homework)

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DIRECTIONS:

For your summer assignment you will read **two books**—a required piece of fiction called **The Bean Trees** by Barbara Kingsolver - **and** a choice from the list of **non-fiction texts** attached.

- 1. For <u>each book</u>, write three one-page responses —one about the first part of the book, one about the middle, and one about the end.
- 2. Responses are to be <u>written neatly</u> in blue or black ink on lined college rule paper. Do not skip lines and write on the front side only.
- 3. Each response should include the following:
 - a. Make claims about the author's values, characters, setting, point of view, structure of the text, and major symbols, stylistic /narrative devices (metaphor, simile, personification, etc.).
 - Evidence Support your claims by citing key details from the text. Make sure to include <u>context</u> (the speaker, setting & situation as well as the page number if you quote the text). Do not quote more than <u>short phrases.</u>
 - c. Analysis Explain the significance of the details you cite and how they support your claims. Strong responses make inferences, discuss patterns (eg. patterns of behavior), connect ideas between one part of the text and others (Example: How a character changes over the course of the book) and make connections to the outside world.
 - d. Theme. What universal message is being suggested about humans or life? How do the topics you discuss relate to you and others outside the text as well as society as a whole? What ethical or moral responsibilities do we have individually and as a society?
- 4. <u>**Cover**</u> –Include the following:
 - H-1: Intensive English 2 Summer Work
 - your first and last name and class period
 - the title and author of your non-fiction text + The Bean Trees by Barbara Kingsolver
- 5. **<u>Staple the rubric</u>** on the other side of this page onto the very back of your work. Tear off the reading list.