

## Summer Reading 2017 – World Experience

This handout is designed to help you complete a thorough, insightful summer reading of *The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck. To simply read the book, without focus or direction, is of little value in preparing for a Pre-AP class. As you read the novel, you need to be mindful of the characters, issues, and themes; most importantly, you need to consider how those items are still relevant in our lives today. A constant focus in World Experience is to make connections between the present and the past, whether the past is history or literature. In anticipation of our discussions over the book, please complete the following chart, listing six additional topics that are universal - and substantiating them with references from the book and life today. This will be due on September 11, the same day that we will test over the content of the novel. Mrs. Ballew and I look forward to having you in class next year and wish you a wonderful, relaxing summer.

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Universal topic/ issue/theme	References from the book, including page number	Current references, from the news, from American life, from your life
<p><i>SAMPLE</i>  Hunger and famine are a reality in many places around the world.</p>	<p><i>The great famine, chapters 8 and 9</i></p>	<p><i>Last month, the U.N. declared a famine in two countries in Unity State, South Sudan, affecting 100,000 people, areas hit hard for the past three years by successive hunger emergencies because of fighting and attacks. An additional 1 million people in South Sudan are facing a severe hunger emergency and the threat of famine.</i></p> <p><i>Famines are also looming in Somalia, northeastern Nigeria and Yemen, with a total of 20 million people in dire need of food and medical assistance.</i></p>


