

NYC Museum School Summer Assignment

Read the novel **The Pearl**, by John Steinbeck, and focus on the following 3 literary elements:

- SETTING
- CHARACTER
- IRONY

If you are unsure of the definition of those terms, be sure to research them.

After you have finished the book, write a well-developed essay in which you discuss these literary elements and how they are developed in the book. That is, explain the effect the novel's various settings have had on the protagonist in developing this character within the story. Finally, what is ironic within the novel's plot?

The essay can be as long as necessary, but roughly 2-3 pages, typed and double-spaced, will be sufficient.

Please bring your completed work to school at the start of the school year, September 10, 2020.

Enjoy your summer!