Assignment: You are required to read *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck and one self-selected book from the Contemporary Texts Choice List and complete the assignment below.

You will complete this assignment twice. Once for each book. You will have two separate documents. Answer all of the following questions.

1. **Setting/Historical Period**: When writing a book, the author deliberately chooses a time and place in which to set the story. If the book were set in a different time or place, how would it impact the story?

2. **Character**: Most authors try to create characters that experience change. Choose the/a central character and explain how he or she has grown or changed throughout the book.

3. **Conflict**: Every narrative consists of a central problem or issue which you have learned as the central "conflict". Explain the conflict or issue that is central to your book.

4. **Theme**: Theme does not just have to be a "moral to a story". Choose a key line from the text that represents a central theme. Be sure to explain why this line is central to the book. Please make sure to give the page number of the quote. If using an e-book, give the chapter number if there is not page number.

**Grading:** The summer reading assignment will be graded and categorized as a Supportive Assessment for MP1.

**Guidelines:**
**You MUST bring this assignment on the FIRST day of school.** *(Note: You will have the opportunity to conference with your English teacher to review your responses and answer questions you may have about this assignment prior to submitting it for a grade.)*

**Format**
- Typed, double spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman, include your name and book title/author.
- Use details, examples, and specific information from your book to support each answer.
- Each answer must be at least five sentences but should not exceed ten.
- Answers must be original. Any collaboration, plagiarism, or borrowed materials are prohibited and will result in a zero, as per school policy.
- Be prepared to discuss in class.

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