

American Literature
Mrs. Shannon

Summer Reading Assignment

This summer please read *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck. You will have series of discussions and an assessment related to the text when you return to campus in the fall. Please annotate with the following themes and question in mind.

- What post-WW2 questions are answered by this text?
- What are your observations about the writing style?
- How does Steinbeck discuss the themes of:
 - Father/son relationships
 - Fate v. human agency
 - Loneliness
 - Identity