

SUMMER READING COURSE LINK

CHOICE TITLES

COURSE TITLE	The Spirit of American Literature
GRADE	10
TITLE	<i>Animal Dreams</i>
AUTHOR	Barbara Kingsolver
GENRE	Fiction

DESCRIPTION

Codi Noline returns to the sleepy mining town of Grace, Arizona, to care for her father, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease. It is a bad time for her; disappointed in her personal life, she has closed down her emotions in defense against a heart that cares too easily. "I had quietly begun to hope for nothing at all in the way of love, so as not to be disappointed," she muses. In Grace, she finds friends, allies, and a love that endures.

REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE

Students will compose a compare/contrast essay about choices and consequences using the main character from a summer reading book and a character from one of the short stories in the opening unit of the year.

SUGGESTED STUDENT RESPONSE

Through a journal or log, students need to trace the major decisions of the main characters, as well as the consequences of those decisions. These journals/logs will be used for discussions and completion of a graphic organizer during the first days of school.