The Philadelphia High School for Girls
2019 English 1 (Freshman)
Summer Reading Assignment

English I: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck ISBN 0-14-017737X
Freshman *Good Kings, Bad Kings* by Susan Nussbaum ISBN 978-1-61620-263-7
Grade 9

ASSIGNMENT: Authors often use descriptive details to develop a setting for several purposes. In an essay, explain how the setting of your book relates to events from the plot, related to characters, or built suspense. You may write one body paragraph about each aspect of setting, or you may choose to elaborate on one particular aspect (plot, character, suspense) in all five body paragraphs. (*The Pearl)*

Assignment: *Good Kings, Bad Kings* deals with job discriminating: jobs with low pay, overwork, relationships with co-workers, past jobs and even future jobs. How important is "work" in our life? Since more than 70% of disabled people experience chronic unemployment, how might this affect their adult lives?

Extra Credit: *Good Kings, Bad* Kings Write a brief description of each character indicating if they are positive or negative. Comment on what is important about each character. Consider what they say, how they feel, what their journey has been and what we learn. As a part of your response, comment on which characters you liked and why? Were there any characters you identified with in any way?

CHARACTERS:

1. Yessenia Lopez
2. Joanne Madsen
3. Michelle Volkmann
4. Dr. Cavioliini
5. Pierre
6. Ricky Hernandez
7. Jimmie Kendrick
8. Mia Oviedo
9. Teddy Dobbs
10. Louie