Reading Assignment: You are to choose TWO (2) books from Category 1 to read and annotate. Then, you are to choose ONE (1) book from Category 2 to read and annotate.

Category 1: (Choose 2) Non-Fiction

Animal Vegetable Miracle -Barbara Kingsolver  ISBN-10: 9780060852566

Category 2: (Choose 1) Fiction


Discussion Assignment: After reading your book selections, please write a reflection of each book. Each reflection should be approximately but no less than 250 words. Choose from the prompts below for your reflection. Please use each prompt only once. Once you have selected a prompt, please use a different one for your next reflection.

Category 1 (Non-Fiction Prompts)

Does the author make a call to action to readers—individually or collectively? Is that call realistic? Idealistic? Achievable? Would readers be able to affect the desired outcome?

Can you point to specific passages that struck you personally—as interesting, profound, silly or shallow, incomprehensible, illuminating? (Be sure to identify the passage specifically before writing about it.)
What kind of language does the author use? Is it objective and dispassionate? Or passionate and earnest? Is it polemical, sarcastic? Does the language help or undercut the author's premise?

Category 2: (Fiction Prompts)
Can you pick out a passage that strikes you as particularly profound or interesting? (Be sure to identify the passage specifically before writing about it)

Do you find the characters convincing? Are they believable? Are they fully developed as complex human beings—or were they one-dimensional?

How did you experience the book? Were you immediately drawn into the story—or did it take a while? Did the book intrigue, amuse, disturb, alienate, irritate, or frighten you?

DUE: Please bring your PRINTED reflections to class with you on the VERY FIRST day of class. This will be a GRADED assignment.

Each reflection will be worth 30 points. It is expected that you will use MLA format and proper writing conventions. Please refer to A Pocket Style Manual if you have any questions. Responses should meet the minimum word count requirement, be thorough in their exploration of the prompts, and use both general and specific examples to support your points.