



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



Incoming 9th Grade

Summer Reading Assignment: *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

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Due:

Friday, September 12, 2025 by 11:59 pm

Task:

- Read *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
  - Type your responses to the following prompts. Each response should be at least one paragraph in length.
  - Number your responses (1, 2, 3..) and follow proper MLA format -include heading, size 12, Times New Roman, 1" margins.
  - Be detailed and specific in your responses as this will count as your Quarter I Project.
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1. Who are the main characters in the story, and how do they develop throughout the book?
  2. What is the significance of the pearl itself, both as an object and a symbol?
  3. How does the social and economic context of the story impact the character's lives and decisions?
  4. Discuss the role of greed in the story, particularly in relation to Kino's pursuit of wealth.
  5. How does the plot unfold, and what are some key turning points in the story?
  6. What are some major conflicts in the story and how are they resolved?

