

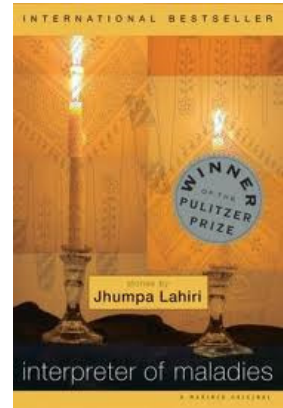
COURSE TITLE: Honors Post-Modern World Literature (**Grade 12**)

REQUIRED TEXT: *Interpreter of Maladies*

AUTHOR: Jhumpa Lahiri

GENRE: Collection of Short Stories – Multi-Cultural

SUMMARY: Published in 1999, this Pulitzer prize-winning collection of semi-autobiographical short stories by Indian-American author, Jhumpa Lahiri, includes nine stories about the lives of Indians and Indian-Americans caught between their “Old World” inherited customs and the “New World” ones they long for. Though unique tales, each stories’ characters frequently find themselves in Cambridge, Mass., or similar but unnamed Eastern seaboard university towns.



REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE (DUE THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS):

Choose **at least 5 stories to read, including “A Temporary Matter,” “The Third and Final Continent,” and “When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine.”

While you read, you are to annotate for distinct elements of the Indian culture, the characters’ abilities to assimilate in America (whether successfully or unsuccessfully), and characterization. Use any method of annotation you like including, but not limited to: Literature Log, post-it notes, marginal notes, highlighting.