

THE POISONWOOD BIBLE- QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

****Warning: the questions below contain spoilers, so don't read them until you have finished the novel.****

After you have read the novel, answer each of the questions below in a paragraph or two. Your answers should be turned in on the first day of school.

1. Consider the narrative perspective(s) in the novel. This is a central device in making the novel function as it does. What impact does it have in the novel? Why do you think the author chose to shift perspectives in this way? How would the story change if it were only told from one character's perspective?
2. What motivates Nathan Price? What is he seeking? Where does he go wrong?
3. How does the death of Ruth May impact the novel? Why do you think the author made this choice?
4. What are the implications of the novel's title, particularly in connection with the main characters and themes in the novel?
5. While this novel can seem like a harsh critique of Christians in general or Christian missionaries in particular, what questions can this novel raise for us as Christians that might be worth contemplating?
6. What is the impact of doing the "right" thing with the wrong motivation or with the wrong methodology? How do we see that in the novel?