***Poisonwood Bible* Shared Inquiry Discussion Preparation**

You must have all tasks finished in order to participate in next time’s graded SID. If you do not have these elements of preparation, you will get a zero on both the preparation and the discussion!

1. Make sure you have read Books 1-4 actively to yourself. This means you have written comments, questions, circled unfamiliar or odd word choices, etc. through sticky notes or *dialogue journals*. Maybe you see an unfamiliar word, a description that’s striking, or something that’s said to define a character. At the end, write any questions you still have.

2. Re-read the first and last chapters of book 4. This time add more comments and sticky notes to the things that seem important or help you clarify what is going on in the text. Mark an **F** on a sticky note each time you notice any foreshadowing. Mark an **I** each time you notice imagery and identify what kind of imagery it is, for example: death imagery, dark imagery, nature, religious, etc…

3. Answer the following questions to help you better understand the reading:

* What is the significance of losing Ruth May the same day Patrice Lumumba died?
* What is the significance of the title of this section “Bel and the Serpent”?
* Explain the difference between the Kikongo words *muntu* and *nommo*.
* Explain why it was right or wrong for Leah to join the antelope hunt.
* List the strange happenings in the village leading up to Ruth May’s death.
* How is each character affected by Ruth May’s death?
* How has Ruth May’s death created a connection between Orleanna and the other women?
* What else has the Price family lost besides Ruth May?
* How has each character changed by the end of Book 4?
* What are the big ideas Book 4 addresses?
* Which character carries the most guilt?
* What does Dickinson’s “long shadow in the grass” symbolize?