



## The Catholic High School of Baltimore Summer Reading List

**Teacher's Name:** Mrs. Karen Mitchell

**School Year:** 2011-2012

**Grade Level:** 12

**Course No.:** 142 and 143

**Course Name:** World Literature

**Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA):** CP

### **Reading:**

*The Joy Luck Club*

Amy Tan

### **Assignment:**

Below are a few of the major themes and motifs in Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*

- ◆ Personal identity/finding one's place in the world
  - ◆ Storytelling as a means of continuation of tradition
  - ◆ Control over destiny or fate
  - ◆ Personal sacrifice
  - ◆ The importance and role of memory
1. Choose one theme listed above
  2. Select and copy 10 quotes, short passages from the book that most demonstrate or connect with the central theme (include page # in parentheses). Because a theme develops and progresses throughout a book, your quotes should be interspersed throughout the book, not from only one or two chapters. The more deeply you read, the more likely it is that you will see the theme emerging in less obvious ways.
  3. Choose the two most prominent or significant quotes or passages from your list. For each of the two passages, write a solid paragraph explaining, in detail, how the passage or quotation connects to or illustrates the theme. In other words, describe the significance of the quote or passage in relation to the theme or larger meaning of the book.

*A Quality Secondary Education in the Franciscan Tradition*



**Your paper must be:**

- ✓ Typed
- ✓ 12 point Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial font
- ✓ Double-spaced
- ✓ One inch margins
- ✓ Header should be adjusted to the right and include, in this order:
  - Your Name
  - Date
  - World Literature
  - The Joy Luck Club* Summer Reading

This is due on the first day of school. We will have a book talk during the first week of school. Email me at [kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org](mailto:kmitchell@thecatholichighschool.org) if you have any questions. See you in August. Enjoy your summer!