

Anglophone Cultures

Reading Project

You have read a book (or part of a book) that at least partly takes place in or refers to an English speaking area.

Add to this another text that portrays the same area.

Your task:

Read the book and study how it portrays the area, both **factually** and **stylistically**. When referring to non-Bryson texts, give a short example or summary or explanation, so that your audience isn't left wondering about the connection. Do you get descriptions of the area so that you can picture it? Are there geographical details, language features like accents and typical words, cultural colourings such as events and objects, and so on? What techniques does the writer use? How do you gain a sense of what the area is like from reading this book? Does it correspond to your views? To reality?

Prepare for your Book Club with a **brief** description of the plot and genre to give the other students an idea of what it is about. Then proceed to explaining how the area is presented. Discuss how language/stylistics, setting, characters and subject matter reflect the area in question. Include the dramatic reading (aloud) of short passages as examples.

Flashcards with basic notes are allowed. *This part counts as a basis for your grade concerning general knowledge, reading comprehension and analytical skill.*

You are also expected to take part in discussions with other students and compare and contrast how your area was portrayed and described. *This part counts as a basis for your grade concerning speaking and listening.*

Checklist

What?

- Geography
- Language
- Culture

How?

- Style of describing the above

Effect?

- Reliability/truth
- Perspective
- Comparisons