APUSH 2026-7

Summer Assignment

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, The Invention of Wings tells the story of Sarah's life starting on her eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her slave. The story follows their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.

The following are themes or issues in the book-please keep them in mind as you are reading.

- The inhumanity of slavery
- Resistance to slavery
- Equality
- Religion
- Societal norms
- Women's suffrage/place in society/misogyny
- Role of Quakers in the abolitionist movement

We will be discussing these themes throughout the year as they come up through the AP curriculum.

On September 15th, there will be a multiple choice assessment on this book. Please feel free to write notes as you are reading to prepare. Please do not write in the book itself.