

**COURSE TITLE** Honors American Literature (**Grade 10**)

**CHOICE TEXT** *Pigs In Heaven*

**AUTHOR** Barbara Kingsolver

**GENRE** Fiction- Social Realism



## **DESCRIPTION**

Taylor Greer and her adopted Cherokee Indian daughter Turtle travel to the Hoover Dam, where Turtle is the only person to see a man fall over the side. The man’s rescue makes Turtle a nationwide heroine after she and her mother appear on “Oprah” sharing their adventure. Unfortunately becoming an icon engenders a new disaster for this mother and daughter. Annawake Fourkiller, an Indian-rights lawyer, witnesses the white mother with her Cherokee daughter on television and decides the child must be returned to the Cherokee Nation. A battle ensues between Greer and Fourkiller threatening Turtle’s happiness.

## **REQUIRED STUDENT RESPONSE**

While you read, you should be annotating for the high and low points of Taylor Greer life and journey, in addition to characterization, plot, symbolism, theme, etc. Be sure to think about and identify the events and situations that have affected the high and low points of her life. Use any method of annotation you like including, but not limited to: Literature Log, post-it notes, marginal notes, highlighting.

- **Due First Day of School**: bring your annotations with you to class
- **Future Assignments**: During the first week, you will work to complete a graphic organizer in response to an essay prompt using your annotations..