

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

WORLD LITERATURE THEMES

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Nectar in a Sieve by **Kamala Markandaya**

In reading *Nectar in a Sieve* by Kamala Markandaya, please be sure to look for the following important themes/motifs: the role of women in post-Colonial India, marriage in post-Colonial India, the industrialization of post-Colonial India, the value of suffering, the impact of change, hope vs. hopelessness (AKA “nectar” vs. “sieve” experiences), the role of fate, the individual vs. society, the importance of family, and the importance of love. Be sure that your reading is a close textual one so that you are able to recall and discuss pertinent details, characters, characters’ actions, and “scenes.” **A quiz on the novel will be administered on the first full class day.** A major test will then follow the comprehensive in-class discussions of the novel.