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I have agreed to lead the discussion on Post-colonial theory at our next EALS General Membership Meeting which will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will focus the discussion on the following texts:

Said, Edward. "Orientalism, an Afterword," *Raritan* 14.3 (Winter 1995): 32-59. A
Spivak, Gayatri Chakravorty. "The Making of Americans, the teaching of English, and the future of culture studies," *New Literary History* 21 (Autumn 1990): 781-98

I suspect that most of your libraries will have these journals. If not, I will be happy to supply you with copies if you send me your snail-mail address. I will also try to bring a few extras to the meeting.

For those of you who are pining for Holiday reading suggestions and would like to do further background reading, *The empire writes back : theory and practice in post-colonial literatures* by Bill Ashcroft, Gareth Griffiths, and Helen Tiffin (London ; New York : Routledge, 1989) is a very accessible introduction to postcolonial criticism. If you want to browse among many varieties of postcolonial critics and theorists, having a taste of each one's style, theoretical concerns, etc., *The post-colonial studies reader*, edited by the same trio, has excerpts from about 86 key texts, including Said's *Orientalism*, two articles by Spivak and two by Bhabha. Finally, the same helpful trio of Ashcroft, Griffiths and Tiffin have also produced *Key concepts in post-colonial studies* (London ; New York : Routledge, 1998) which provides encyclopedic entries on terms like mimicry and subaltern as they are used in this field.

Finally , you might also want to check out George Landow's website at:

<http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/hypertext/landow/post/misc/postov.html>
This page offers an overview of postcolonial literature and theory in general, with many helpful links to papers of an explanatory nature.

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