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### Summer Reading 2023-2024

**ALL students must read and annotate *two* books this summer.**

**AP Students must read *three* books**

Students will be required to make one **annotation** per 10 pages of the novel. For this reason, these books must be purchased. Teachers will randomly choose pages to check for annotations and the response will be graded based on a rubric reflecting the requirements listed below.

**ANNOTATION: Analyze + Note= anNOTeTation (underline AND comment - no highlighting without an accompanying comment!)**

As you work with your text, consider all of the ways that you can connect with what you are reading. Here are some suggestions that will help you with your annotations:

- ♣ Define words or slang; make the words real with examples from your experiences; explore why the author would have used a particular word or phrase.
- ♣ Make connections to other parts of the book. Mark quotes and note why they are important
- ♣ Make connections to other texts you have read or seen, including: o Movies o Comic books/graphic novels o News events o Other books, stories, plays, songs, or poems
- ♣ Draw a picture when a visual connection is appropriate.
- ♣ Re-write, paraphrase, or summarize a particularly difficult passage or moment.
- ♣ Make meaningful connections to your own life experiences.
- ♣ Describe a new perspective you may now have.
- ♣ Explain the historical context or traditions/social customs that are used in the passage.
- ♣ Offer an analysis or interpretation of what is happening in the text.
- ♣ Point out and discuss literary techniques that the author is using.

If you are stuck, consider completing the sentences below in the margins of your pages:

- ❖ This interests me because...
- ❖ This reminds me of...
- ❖ This shocks me because...
- ❖ This disgusts/upsets me because...
- ❖ This confuses me because...
- ❖ This inspires me because...
- ❖ I can relate to this because...
- ❖ This line really impacts me because...
- ❖ This part of the book will stay with me because...

There are no exceptions to the summer reading program. If a student has **transferred after August 1**, it is the student's responsibility to make arrangements for the completion of the assignments with his/her English teacher. If those who transfer after August 1 have not completed the summer reading by halfway through the first quarter, the assignments will be given zeros. If there are any questions, please contact the school or a teacher in the English department.

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