

Summer Reading Requirements:

World Literature: Rising 9th grade (Modlin)

Book: Everything Sad is Untrue by Daniel Nayeri

A physical copy is required for class as we will be using it throughout the year.

Advanced Composition: Rising 10th/12th grades (Modlin)

Book: Lord of the Flies by William Golding

A physical copy is required for class as we will be using it throughout the year.

American Literature: Rising 11th grade (Modlin)

Book: Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

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It's important to annotate, or interact with a text, as you read. As you naturally have ideas, feelings, questions, or make mental connections to other things in your world based on the bit of text you just read, you need to pause and jot down those thoughts. An easy way to do this is with sticky notes. Just write your thought and stick it on the page next to the bit of relevant text. **Each annotation needs to include at least two well-developed sentences that help me understand what you're experiencing as you read. You will need 30 annotations on sticky notes. Make sure you have annotations throughout the entire book. DO NOT SUMMARIZE!** Please see the sheet "Do this! Not this!" to see how to annotate. Only 5 sticky notes can be words you define. .

Ideas for annotations:

Jot down any connections to other texts, movies, or historic/current events that you notice. Is the author alluding to something else? If so, discuss this.

Explain a moment of emotional impact. How are you feeling? Is this what the author hoped you would feel? How did the author create this feeling in you?

*Students should be prepared to take an exam/complete in class assignments when school begins.

On sticky notes:

Do this:

The author keeps taking us back to this post office. This is the third time we've been here, so I'm wondering what's significant about this. I think it might be symbolically important, but I don't get it. Author, what's with your post office obsession?

Not this:

Wait, what? I don't understand. I love this. I'm so happy right now.