

2021 Summer Assignment
AP English Literature and Composition

For your summer reading assignment, you will read and annotate one of the following novels:

***Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte**

OR

***Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain**

OR

***Native Son* by Richard Wright**

OR

***The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts* by Maxine Hong Kingston**

Annotations can either be written in the novel, on post-it notes, or on paper with corresponding page numbers. **I do need a physical copy of these, so you must be able to print them and hand them in.** Annotations should be your notes where you mark different techniques the author is employing and the effect of those techniques.

You are required to make TWO annotations per chapter.

The expectation is to see notes for techniques like figurative language, sensory imagery, characterization, attitude, motifs, symbols, tone shifts, and narrative shifts, but it is not enough to simply identify a technique! **Annotations that specifically address tone, theme or purpose are preferred.**

My recommendation is this: in each chapter, make one annotation about the figurative language used and its subsequent effect; then, make one annotation about text structure (the diction and its connotation, the syntax—punctuation or sentence structure, or any rhetorical device).

Highlighting a phrase or merely labeling a technique without explaining its holistic effect **does not count** as annotating and will not receive credit when graded.

**Your annotations will be submitted and graded.

**This assignment is for your summer enrichment. It will be taken as extra-credit during the first cycle of the next school year. Please work hard on this and set yourself up for a big beginning in your senior year.