

12TH GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING
Accelerated

Please purchase and read the following novel:

Cat's Cradle - Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. (1963) - ISBN-10 - 038533348X

In the novel, there are multiple seeming-contradictions throughout; it even begins with the following line: "All of the true things I am about to tell you are shameless lies." **Religion, colonialism, community, and human innovation**, in particular, are examined through a lens of duality, with a dose of cynicism and good humor.

1. In your novel, please **mark up (as you see fit)** how Vonnegut creates **satire** through these contradictions. Bring the novel with you on the first day of class.
2. **Also: create a glossary** of Bokonian terms - I recommend putting this inside the front cover of your book

Recommended Reading:

The Metamorphosis, Franz Kafka

Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer

Lincoln in the Bardo, George Saunders

Sing, Unburied, Sing, Jesmyn Ward

1984, by George Orwell