

**12TH GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING  
GRADE-LEVEL**

**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)** examples of religion, colonialism, community, and human innovation. What is Vonnegut saying about these topics?
2. **Also: create a glossary** of Bokonian terms - I recommend putting this inside the front cover of your book

Optional, but recommended Reading:

*The Metamorphosis*, Franz Kafka

*Parable of the Sower*, Octavia Butler

*1984*, by George Orwell