



ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY

2024 Summer Reading

WORLD LITERATURE ANALYSIS AND COMPOSITION

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ASSIGNMENT #1: STORIES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST (CHOICE NOVEL)

Over the summer, you are tasked with reading and annotating a book of your choice from the list below. Please include at least 2-4 meaningful annotations per chapter. When we return to school in August, you will be asked to use your annotations to discuss and craft a meaningful piece of writing.

ANNOTATION/READING STRATEGIES

While annotating you can...

1. Form a **connection** to your personal life, the world around you, or to another text.
2. Ask a **question** about the information you are taking in.
3. **Summarize** or clarify long, confusing, or important passages that you may want to recall later on.
4. Make a **prediction** about what could happen next.
5. Make an **inference** about how a character feels about their surroundings, other characters, the conflict, etc.
6. **Define** unfamiliar vocabulary. Try to use context clues!
7. **Evaluate** or form an opinion about something mentioned in the text.

Remember:

Your annotations should be written out; otherwise, it's unclear why you marked a specific passage.

Choice Novel Options:

[*The Secret Sky: A Novel of Forbidden Love in Afghanistan*](#) by Atia Abawi

[*A Land of Permanent Goodbyes*](#) by Atia Abawi

Directions:

- Purchase a **new or unmarked used copy** of the book OR check out a copy from your local library.
- Read your book.
- **As you read**, annotate using the strategies listed above and what you learned during your freshman year.
- You will use your reading and annotations the first weeks of class. Bring your book and annotations to the first day of class.

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ASSIGNMENT #2: INDEPENDENT NOVEL

Throughout sophomore year, you will continue to read independent novels. Remember, these are choice novels that you want to read for the sake of reading. Please bring your first independent novel to class no later than the second week of the school year.

We urge you to discuss your book choice with your parent(s)/guardian(s) and read reviews of each book to ensure it is a proper fit.

****If you do not have an independent novel, you will visit the SJA library and check out a book of your choosing during that first week of school.***

**We want our students reading, so if audio versions help you focus while reading, please use those ALONG with a paper copy of the book. Have that audio ready to go on either your phone or computer along with headphones.

ENCOURAGED ASSIGNMENT #3: READING FOR FUN!

As you experienced freshman year, you will be expected to continue to grow in your reading stamina by reading independent novels. You will continue to be expected to read independent novels both in and outside of class your sophomore year. To improve your reading stamina, we highly encourage you to read at least ONE book (you are welcome to read more than one) of your choice over the summer in addition to the stories from the Middle East choice novel.