

English I

Summer Reading Assignment 2024

Task #1:

Read and annotate *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi ISBN: 978-0-375-71457-3

Synopsis:

Persepolis is Marjane Satrapi's wise, funny, and heartbreaking memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her life in Tehran from ages six to fourteen, years that saw the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war with Iraq. The intelligent and outspoken only child of committed Marxists and the great-granddaughter of one of Iran's last emperors, Marjane bears witness to a childhood uniquely entwined with the history of her country.

Annotating:

While you're reading, be sure to mark the pages in the novel:

- a) Look up words you don't know.
- b) Ask questions.
- c) Comment on the actions or development of a character.

Does the character change? Why? How? The result?

- d) Comment on any conflicts that occur.
- e) Comment on lines/passages you think are significant, powerful or meaningful.
- f) Express agreement or disagreement.
- g) Summarize key events. Make predictions. Formulate opinions.
- h) Note anything you'd like to discuss in class or don't understand.

*Please bring the book with you to class on the first day of school.