



Dear 10th grade Puentistas:

The required summer reading and assignments are a part of your commitment to our Puente program as an **incoming 10th grader** for the **2024-2025** school year. You will be assessed on all of the material that you are expected to cover over the summer. Incomplete summer work will negatively affect your Puente English grade for the first semester. Every student has summer reading this year, but you only need to complete your work for Puente.

Read the following biography:

- *Illegally Yours* by Rafael Agustin

You will be given a copy of the biography in class, please don't lose it!

Complete the following by the first day of school:

- Read the novel.
- Complete **fifty (50) annotations** in your novel. You can use sticky notes or an [annotation sheet](#) (typed or handwritten).

What is an annotation? An annotation is basically a note about a text. The purpose of annotating is to interact and process a book while you're reading. This also shows Ms. Mac your thoughts and understanding of the book. As a general rule, annotations should be about something **IMPORTANT** in the novel. **Your interpretation should explain WHY it's important**, either to the novel or your understanding as a reader. [Here is more info about how to annotate.](#)

What should my annotations be about?

Annotations should be spread throughout the novel, not just in the first few chapters. Your annotations can be on the following. Ideally, you should have a variety of annotations:

- Challenging vocabulary (define and/or explain meaning in context)
- Questions about the text
- Text-to-self Connections (How do you personally relate to or connect with the text?)
- Text-to-World Connections (How does the novel relate to the world around us or current events?)
- Literary Elements (Focus on CHARACTER, SETTING, and PLOT even though this is nonfiction)

Additionally, students may wish to review the Marshall [AP/Honors Vocabulary List](#). You should study and be familiar with all terms by the time you enter AP English in 11th grade. We will also continue vocabulary instruction during the school year.

Contact Ms. Mac with questions: macinnes.marti@pusd.us