

Book 1: *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri

At least 40 post-it annotations over the beginning, middle, and end of the novel. Have a mix of **thematic annotations** and **literary annotations**!

Each annotation should be at least 1-2 sentences. Annotations should be on **post-it's and attached to your book. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Due on the first day of English Honors II. **Bring your purchased book with annotations.**

First Type: Thematic Annotations- Mark any significant moments where you find Jhumpa Lahiri teaching you and your fellow readers a concept of life or society.

Thematic concepts: Identity, Coming of Age, Expectations, Hubris, Culture, Family, Conflict (Internal or External), Regret, Bravery, Past vs. Present, Duty, Individualism

Lahiri is showing...

This teaches readers the lesson of.... Specifically that...

Related to the theme of because...

Complicates the theme of since earlier in the book,...

This part reminded me of an earlier theme about...

I'm not sure yet, but this moment could relate to the theme of...

From this scene, readers should learn...

Second Type: Literary Techniques- Mark any literary techniques which add a new element to your reading experience. These techniques make the text difficult, challenging, and worthwhile. Make inferences for how this technique helps readers. Make inferences for why Jhumpa Lahiri is writing this way.

Literary Devices: imagery, symbolism, metaphor, personification, simile, allusion, tone, irony, point of view, foreshadowing, dialect, foil

Clear example of foreshadowing to make readers...

The symbolism between X and Y is used to show...

The imagery of this room is very...

Readers would find X's tone as very _____ and conclude that...

The dialect between X and Y are noticeably different...Lahiri is writing the characters in this way to...

Gogol's point of view is...

The allusion references _____ in history. This allusion helps readers...

I'm guessing that this could foreshadow ...

When I reread this paragraph, it's clear that Lahiri was foreshadowing...

Gogol's tone is changing, and I'm guessing it is because...

Book 2: Biography or Autobiography of your choice

At least 250 Pages

At least 40 post-it annotations over the beginning, middle, and end of the book. Have a mix of **Personal Connections** and **2025 Connections**.

Note: To make 2025 Connections with your book, you should be following up with current events and the news.

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1. MUST EMAIL Mr. Ibarrientos the title of your chosen biography by May 31st! Mr. Ibarrientos will check and approve your book. iibarrientos@musd.net
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First Type: Personal Connections

How can you relate to the person you are reading about?

Is there a trait or characteristic in that person that is inspirational or motivational for you and your journey as a student?

By reading about this person's struggles and triumphs, what kinds of traits do you admire? Why is this trait admirable?

What kinds of values does this person have? Is this value something you share? Examples of values would be creativity, empathy, integrity, and curiosity.

Where would you and your subject disagree with each other? Why?

Which golden (wise, engaging, poignant) lines resonate with you? Why?

The way Adams yearned for his family reminded me about being separated from my friends and family during COVID.

Second Type: 2024 Connections

How was this event related to a current event in the nation or world?

How does this person remind you of a leader, activist, celebrity or figure in the news?

How can this person's impact and legacy continue to impact the world today?

Is there a thematic concept (see To Kill a Mockingbird instructions) that resonates with a moment your biography? How is this concept relevant to 2025?

John Adams knew that no one would be on his side, but still defended the British soldier. Unfortunately, I feel like many in 2025 would still be followers instead of a leader like John Adams.