

Summer Reading Assignment- English III

Mandatory:

For summer reading, you will read *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah before returning to school in the fall. In addition to reading the novel, you will need to prepare for a traditional test with a long answer portion at the end during the first week of school. The long answer portion will be based on large themes throughout the text, so as you read try to track topics that come up often. The test will be your first major grade of the 1st quarter.

Recommended but not required:

- Annotations: Use the guidelines below to annotate the book you have read. This will help you to organize your thoughts, connect with the text and ultimately to remember it after a long summer.

Ideas for annotating Literature —

- Use a pen so you can make circles, brackets, and notes. If you like highlighters use one for key passages, but don't get carried away and don't only highlight.
- Look for patterns and label them (motifs, diction, syntax, symbols, images, and behavior, whatever).
- Mark passages that seem to jump out at you because they suggest an important idea or theme or for any other reason (an arresting figure of speech or image an intriguing sentence pattern, a striking example of foreshadowing, a key moment in the plot, a bit of dialogue that reveals character, clues about the setting etc.)
- Mark phrases, sentences, or passages that puzzle, intrigue, please, or displease you. Ask questions, make comments, talk back to the text.
- At the ends of chapters or sections, write a bulleted list of key plot events. This not only forces you to think about what happened, see the novel as whole, and identify patterns, but you create a convenient record of the whole plot.
- Circle words you want to learn or words that jump out at you for some reason. If you don't want to stop reading, guess then, look the word up, and jot down the relevant meaning later. You need not write out a full dictionary definition; it is often helpful to put the relevant meaning in your own words.