

## 8th Grade English Summer Assignment

1. Read *Under the Overpass: A Journey of Faith on the Streets of America* by Mike Yankoski (ISBN 1590524020).
  - Feel free to listen to audio while following along in the book if that will help you be more successful.
2. There will be a **quiz** over the book the second week of school.
3. **Annotating** your book is required and will be **graded**.

**As you read, annotate your book.** Don't be afraid to write in your book as this will help you understand and remember what you read! You can use different colored pens for the different annotation categories if you would like.

**How do I annotate?** First, please note that annotating is NOT simply highlighting/underlining. Meaningful annotation must include a short note that explains WHY you chose to underline/highlight that sentence/sentences. (UNDERLINING/HIGHLIGHTING WITHOUT ANNOTATIONS WILL NOT COUNT.) Annotate **ONLY** for the items below. ↓

**Annotate when you arrive at a place in the book in which you...**

- have a new observation about a character, incident, or passage
- meet a new character
- notice a change in a character's perspective, growth, or spiritual journey
- make a prediction about what will happen next
- make a connection to your own life, especially in a spiritual sense

...mark it! **Highlight** or underline the text AND either **STOP** and write your notes, comments, and observations at that time (preferable) OR **GO BACK** to each annotation and do your writing when you're done reading that section or chapter. Make sure your annotation clearly identifies which type of annotation (from above) you're noting.

4. When are assignments due?  
Your annotations will be checked the second day of school & we will discuss the book. The quiz will be the second week.