

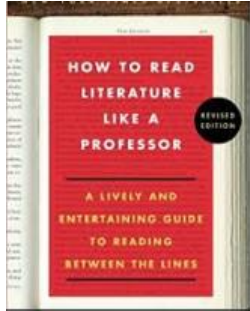
Requirement for AP English Language and Composition (IB Juniors Only)

Summer Reading

Teacher: Mrs. Rulison

Assignment

Read and annotate *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster (Revised 2014 Edition: ISBN 978-0-06-230167-3). Available at Barnes & Noble (\$11.63), Walmart (\$10.87), Amazon (\$10.87), and many other retailers. Please plan ahead to get a copy.



****Important Due Dates****

Annotated Book – Friday, August 17, 2018

Test – Friday, August, 24, 2018

Annotating a Text: a comment

The most common complaint about annotating is that it slows down your reading. Yes, it does. That's the point. ☺ If annotating as you read annoys you, read a chapter, then go back and annotate. Reading a text a second time is preferable anyway. What should you write? Have a conversation with the text. Talk back to it.

Annotating a Text: How to do it.

Annotation is a key component of active reading. Develop a system that works for you.

- Make brief comments in the margins or between or within lines of the text. Do not be afraid to mark within the text itself. **Use post-it notes if you are using someone else's book.**
- Write main points the author is making.
- Write reflections/reactions/comments.
- If you are not sure what to say, summarize what the page was about.
- Connect words, phrases, ideas, circles, boxes, etc. with lines or arrows.
- *Underline--CAUTION: Use this method sparingly. Underline only a few words. Always combine with a comment. Never underline an entire passage. If you wish to mark an entire paragraph or passage, draw a line down the margin or use brackets.
- *Highlight—NO! NO! NO!!!! Do not highlight. At All. Seriously. ☹

GRADES

Book (100 points)

Annotated books will be collected during the first week. Have yours ready for the first Friday of school, August 17, 2018.

You should have at least one comment per page. This means words, not just underlining or symbols.

Test (100 points)

You will be given an objective test on the book on the second Friday of the school year, August 24, 2018.

Frequently Asked Questions

- *Can I use an e-book?* No.
- *Can I turn it in late?* You will receive half credit for books submitted a day late and no credit after that.
- *Can I just take notes on a piece of paper?* No.
- *What if my handwriting is terrible?* No credit is given for anything illegible. It doesn't have to be pretty, but it must be legible.
- *What if I don't do this assignment?* You will miss out on the first 200 points of the quarter and be at a distinct disadvantage in class and group discussions, as we will reference this book often throughout the year.