

To: English 2AC
From: Mrs. Dellanno
Re: Summer Reading 2008

Required:

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou

You will need to purchase the required books. As you read the TWO required books, you are to annotate the text (see the attached directions and samples). On average, you should provide an annotation every 10 or so pages. In addition, select from each book one page that you judge to be of particular significance and annotate this page thoroughly with responses to its content and style. During the first week of class, you will be given a written assessment on both books that will count as a test grade.

Suggested Reading:

You are to select ONE of the books from the suggested reading list. Read this and be prepared to discuss this book with me and/or the class and to write an essay on the book during the first week of class. The oral and written assessment will count as a test grade.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Burns	Cold Sassy Tree
Conrad	Lord Jim
Conroy	My Losing Season OR The Prince of Tides
Erdrich	Love Medicine
Gruen	Water for Elephants
Kidd	The Secret Life of Bees
Kingsolver	The Bean Trees
Martell	Life of Pi
O'Brien	In the Lake of the Woods
Plum-Ucci	The Body of Christopher Creed
Sebold	The Lovely Bones
Shields	The Stone Diaries
Stegner	Angle of Repose
Twain	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Students who are taking **AP US History** are required to read *Presidential Courage* by Michael Beschloss. This book may count as your Suggested Reading book for English if you choose. You would then be tested on it in both English and Social Studies.