

AP Language and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi (9-12 Common Read)

Poetry Packet (9-12 Common Read)

Poetry Assignment: You will need to print the poems. Be ready to submit your work on the first day of school.

1. Read each poem carefully.
2. In the margins, make brief annotations that highlight important literary elements. (Suggestions for things to note: figurative language, structure and form, tone and meaning, voice, and/or sound devices)
3. At the bottom of each poem, write a 1–2 sentence thoughtful reflection to explain either why or how each poem connects to one of our Harding throughlines.

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

As you read, complete the following:

Please annotate fully. This means that you are

- a) Underlining sections of the text that significantly add to the themes of the text. Come prepared to discuss these findings. Perhaps keep a running list of themes in the front or back of your book.
- b) Defining words that you are unfamiliar with in the margins.
- c) Brainstorming possible purposes for the text as a whole. You should write these ideas in your book as well.
- d) Noting questions you may have as you read.

I will be checking annotations at the beginning of the next school year as an assessment of your reading comprehension and critical thinking skills. This does not mean that you need to have underlined or highlighted every word of the text, rather you should be taking great care in what you find important to the text as a whole. You may have annotations on sticky notes, if that is your style for notetaking in books.

I will expect that during the first weeks of school you will be able to communicate your findings within the texts both in written form and oral form. For all of these texts, you will have assessments where you can use your book. The better your annotations, the better your essays and discussions.

If you should need anything over the summer, please feel free to email me at cloer.lindsay@hardingacademymemphis.org. However, remember that because of travel and summer plans, I may not respond as quickly as I would during the school year. I look forward to having you in my class in August! May you learn, may you grow, may God guide your steps and heart this summer.