

Summer Reading Assignment for Pre-AP English II

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As a student in the Pre-AP English II class, you are expected to complete a summer reading assignment on which you will be assessed when you return to school in August. If you read as directed, you do not have to worry about not doing well on the assessment.

Carefully read the active reading guide. Use the information provided to help access the novels and make connections to them. You will be required to demonstrate that you read actively when you return, as I will look for indicators that you utilized the strategies outlined in the guide that follows. Hold on to graphic organizers, sticky notes, etc.

Book Choices (choose three)

The Book Thief (Markus Zusak) *The Alchemist* (Paulo Coelho) *A Long Way Gone* (Ishmael Beah)
Siddhartha (Hermann Hesse) *Bless Me, Ultima* (Rudolfo Anaya)

ACTIVE READING GUIDE

Active reading is interacting with the text and making connections to yourself, other readings, and the world.

Goals:

- To improve your understanding of what you read
- To find important information again

General Strategies:

- Highlight, color code, and mark your text
- Write notes on the book flaps
- Summarize and paraphrase
- Write in the margins or use post-its/stickers
- Create graphic organizers
- Identify and define unfamiliar vocabulary

Tips for Actively Reading Nonfiction:

- Highlight main ideas
- Make questions of titles, headings, captions, visuals
- Identify the purpose and message of the writing
- Agree, disagree, and question
- Outline and list important information
- At the end of each section, ask and answer, “What do I know now that I did not know before?”

Tips for Actively Reading Fiction:

- Make a prediction about the title and chapter headings
- Look for images, similes, metaphors, and other figures of speech
- Evaluate organization and style
- Track the events of the plot
- Analyze the characters
- Describe the setting and its purpose
- Identify the point of view, mood, and tone and note any changes
- State the theme or message
- At the end of the reading, answer, “How did the author use all the techniques (listed above) to reveal the theme?”

Active Reading description adapted from www.maine207.k12.il.us.