



Summer Reading Assignment: Active Reading Notes

For the purposes of your summer reading, you will need to make at least 5 significant notes per book on your *7th-12th Grade Summer Reading Note-Taking Sheet*. Your notes should evidence completion of the entire work. Note-taking sheet is on pages 2 and 3 of this document.

The method is simple. As you read the book, pay attention for passages of importance. When you find one (or upon reviewing the book after completion), write down the page number along with an abbreviated form of the quote, meaning only the key words. Another possibility is to summarize or paraphrase the passage. Then, in the response section, make a note of why you chose this passage. Examples of what you might write include:

- Questions that the passage stimulated for you
- A literature device that you recognized: theme, foreshadowing, irony, etc.
- A cross reference (This can be to another book, a movie, a song, a speech – any artistic or cultural work that communicates a similar idea.)
- A pattern that you see developing. (You might reference another page in the work where the author did or mentioned something similar.)
- A hypothesis or thesis about what the author is trying to do by including the passage.
- A worldview point. What significance does the passage have for our understanding of God, of man, of nature, and/or of society?

Be careful to choose the most significant passages to make note of. You don't want your notes to be full of unimportant similes!

This assignment will count as a completion grade for the first quarter, so make sure you get it done. You may use this same worksheet for optional extra credit books as well. (See the Summer Reading List.) Happy reading!



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