

**English III, Regular and Honors
Summer Reading Assignment
2017-2018**

Task: You are to carefully read and annotate *Into the Wild* (Jon Krakauer). Below are the guidelines for annotating. **You must bring your annotated text to class the second week of school since you will be assessed on this text.**

Guidelines for Annotating Text

What should you annotate? Here is a list of things you should be annotating your text for as you read. *Highlighting and underlining alone do not make for annotations.* Your annotations must demonstrate your engagement with the text and must include comments. Use the margins of the book, the blank pages, and Post-It Notes.

- ✓ Ask questions (essential to active reading).
- ✓ Comment on the actions or development of a character. Does the character change? Why? How? The result? Look for archetypes, foils, etc.
- ✓ Identify and comment on lines/quotations you think are especially significant, powerful, or meaningful.
- ✓ Identify issues (personal, social, global, etc.) the author raises in his writing.
- ✓ Express agreement or disagreement.
- ✓ Connect ideas to each other or to other texts.
- ✓ Note if you experience an epiphany.
- ✓ Write a bulleted synopsis of each chapter either on the first or last page of the chapter.
- ✓ Note how the author uses language. Note the significance if you can:
 - ❖ effects of word choice (diction) or sentence structure or type (syntax)
 - ❖ point of view / effect
 - ❖ repetition of words, phrases, actions, events, patterns
 - ❖ narrative pace / time / order of sequence of events
 - ❖ irony
 - ❖ contrasts / contradictions / juxtapositions / shifts
 - ❖ allusions
 - ❖ any other figure of speech or literary device
 - ❖ reliability of narrator
 - ❖ motifs or cluster ideas
 - ❖ tone / mood
 - ❖ imagery
 - ❖ themes
 - ❖ setting / historical period
 - ❖ symbols

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. Approach the works with an open mind. Let them inspire you and stretch your imagination.