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Summer Assignments 2021 - 2022 • English II/English II Honors

**English II:** You are responsible to read two books over the summer and complete a written assignment for each. One of the titles is required, and the other is one you will choose from a list of three:

**Required Text:** *American Dirt* - Jeanine Cummins

**Choice Texts:**

- *Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of Cultural Revolution* - Ji-li Jiang
- *The Book Thief* - Marcus Zusak
- *Iqbal* - Francesco D'Adamo

**Instructions:** While you read, you will annotate the text. Your annotations should be meaningful and illustrate an effort to understand the text on a deeper level. Your annotations may include highlighting important lines and passages, but each highlight must be accompanied by a meaningful comment. You are required to write three (3) annotations for each chapter. Bring both of these books to school with you on the first day. You will be taking an exam on both of your summer reading novels at the beginning of the school year. Your annotations will count for part of that grade.

**Annotation Suggestions:**

- Literary Elements: similes, metaphors, imagery, etc.
- Predictions
- Setting: How does the setting help to drive the plot?
- Connections: text to text, text to self, text to world
- Moving passages
- Questions: about characters' motivations, things that are unclear to you, etc.
- Theme
- Symbolism
- Mood/Tone
- Characterization: How does the author develop the characters?

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- *Snowflower and the Secret Fan* - Lisa See
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* - Mark Haddon
- *Life of Pi* - Yann Martel

**Instructions:** While you read, you will annotate the text. Your annotations should be meaningful and illustrate an effort to understand the text on a deeper level. Your annotations may include highlighting important lines and passages, but each highlight must be accompanied by a meaningful comment. You are required to write five (5) annotations for each chapter. Bring both of these books to school with you on the first day. You will be taking an exam on both of your summer reading novels at the beginning of the school year. Your annotations will count for part of that grade.

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