

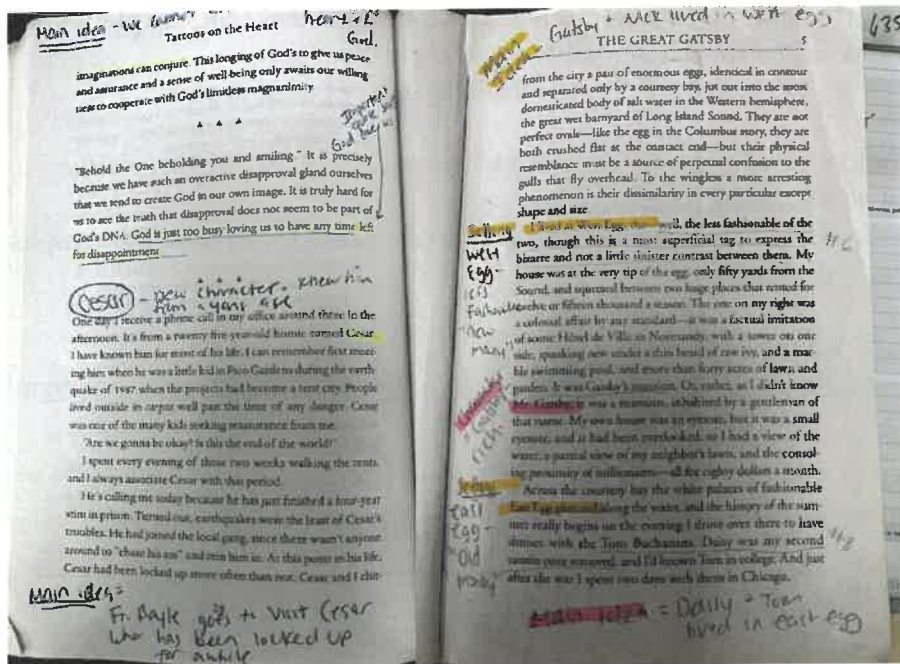
English Department Summer Reading: FRESHMAN- ENGLISH 1

Directions: All students are required to buy a physical copy of the book *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. **ALL STUDENTS** are required to annotate (take detailed notes) inside the book and bring the physical copy to school on the first day. Honors students are required to prepare for an in-class, timed essay the first week of school. Details on how to annotate are below.

Requirements:

1. The physical copy of the novel (you can **not** use an electronic copy)
 - a. Novel is *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*
2. Annotations (hand-written notes inside the book)
 - a. **AT LEAST 2-3 annotations PER PAGE** of the novel
 - b. Make sure to include the following in addition to you annotations:
 - i. Setting
 - ii. Characters
 - iii. Conflict
 - iv. Point of View
 - v. Main Ideas
 - vi. Themes
 - vii. Symbols
 - c. See below on how to annotate
 - i. [How to annotate text while reading](#)
 - ii. **WATCH THIS VIDEO ON HOW TO ANNOTATE:**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5Mz4nwcjWc>

• SEE THESE EXAMPLES BELOW- EACH PAGE SHOULD LOOK LIKE THIS



HONORS ONLY : BE PREPARED TO COMPOSE THE FOLLOWING ESSAY **IN CLASS**
DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL:

Epic Hero Essay: *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*

An **epic hero** is defined as a brave and noble character admired for great achievements or affected by grand events. There are five common traits of an epic hero:

1. The hero is helped or hindered by the gods
2. The hero is given a quest
3. The hero receives help from mythical beings
4. The hero's travels take him/her to a supernatural world
5. The hero reaches a low point, but overcomes it

Prompt: During the first week of school students will be required to compose a five paragraph essay proving that Percy Jackson is an epic hero throughout the novel using the above criteria.

FORMAT

Your essay must include the following information:

Introduction- Your introduction paragraph should include background information and a clear thesis statement identifying which traits will be explored in your essay.

Body- Your body paragraphs should clearly pose and answer the questions and themes stated in the prompt. Choose (3) three epic hero traits to explore in your essay with each of your (3) three body paragraphs exploring an epic hero trait. **Your body paragraphs must also include quotations or evidence from the text.** Be sure to clearly state the “epic hero trait,” explain the trait fully as it occurs in the novel, and include quotations and textual support.

Conclusion- Your conclusion should restate your argument and stance posed in your Introduction.

Works Cited Page- Your Works Cited page should include the novel *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. This should be a separate page after your essay.

MLA Format- Your essay should be composed in size 12, Times New Roman font. Paragraphs should be double spaced with 1 inch margins.

For further guidance on MLA requirements visit:

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/mla_style/mla_formatting_and_style_guide/mla_general_format.html

AGAIN- THIS ESSAY WILL BE WRITTEN IN CLASS. NO PRE-WRITTEN ESSAYS OR RESOURCES WILL BE ALLOWED. THE ONLY RESOURCE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE IS YOUR ANNOTATED NOVEL.