

Summer Reading 2018

ASM

Grade 8 English

Texts: *Watership Down* by Richard Adams

Assignment:

For the assigned summer reading text, you must:

1. Read and use post-its to annotate each chapter of the book (I recommend aiming for 3-4 annotations per chapter).
2. Complete six reader response journal entries spanning the beginning, middle and end of the novel.

HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. Pace yourself! Don't procrastinate and wait until the last minute or you'll never get the reading done. Come up with a schedule to get the reading done week by week (either pages or chapters) and hold yourself to it. Remember, getting prepared for college means building your self-discipline and becoming a faster, stronger reader—both things you can only do with lots and lots of practice!
2. Cut your post-its into 3 strips and then put them write on them, putting them in the book AS YOU READ. Stop at the end of each chapter to write a quick summary of what you read and make sure you understood everything. If you are having a hard time with your summary, that is a good sign that you need to STOP, GO BACK, and REREAD that chapter.
3. The week before school starts, review your post-it annotations so that you will be prepared for the test on the book the first day of school!
4. Get your parents/guardians on board! Let them know your reading plan so they can help encourage you and keep you on track!
5. Try to enjoy the book! This is one of the greatest works of literature ever written! The more you allow yourself to enjoy the book, the less like work it will feel and the less tortured you will be!