

## **English I:** Choose ONE of the following books:

*Deeplight* by Frances Hardinge OR

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding OR

*I Am the Messenger* by Markus Zusak

Please read the following assignments carefully. **Any assignment plagiarized in whole or in part will receive a 0.**

DO NOT use Sparknotes, Shmoop, Quizlet, gradesaver, or other online sites. We are not interested in what the writers of these sites have to say. We want to know what YOU think! Teachers **may** assign AR quizzes on these.

### **ANNOTATIONS -- Mandatory for ALL students --**

Annotate the novel, writing questions and comments in the margins. Ideally, you should read the novel once, and annotate the novel upon a second reading. Annotations consist of TWO PARTS:

A. Highlighting or marking w/sticky notes **specific lines or phrases** in the text you wish to comment on. These should be color-coded (see below). *Do not mark entire paragraphs!*

B. Notes written in the margins of the book commenting on a specific idea such as character, plot, style, etc. You should have **at least 5 annotations per chapter**. This minimum will earn you a passing grade, but does NOT guarantee an “A.” It is a *minimum*.

Your annotations should reflect a CLOSE READING of the novel. If you have never annotated for a close read before, Google “how to annotate literature” or follow these links:

[Five close reading strategies to support the Common Core](#) or [Annotation Guide](#)

Use the following code to guide your comments:

- **BLUE HIGHLIGHTING/STICKY NOTES: IDENTIFY MOTIFS** -- a motif is a dominant idea in an artistic or literary composition. In a motif, you may have any literary element that repeats and forms a pattern that gives the audience a feeling of unity, recognition, or completion. Repeated elements may include but are not limited to *characterization, conflict, verbal expression, symbols, action, setting*.
- **YELLOW HIGHLIGHTING/STICKY NOTES: IRONY** (verbal, situational, dramatic). *Where do you see the author using irony, and what kind of irony is being used? What does the reader learn about human behavior? If you do not understand irony, watch this video: [What is Irony?](#) [Three Types of Irony Lesson](#)*

\*If highlighting or sticky notes are not available, record your annotations in a Google Doc.

**\*ALL SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE TUESDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>.**