

English 11 Summer Reading 2020

Read and annotate *Kindred* by Octavia Butler.

For this assignment, you will need an edition of this book that does not already have notes written inside of it.

“To annotate” simply means to make notes, to write in the margins and pages of the book as you read and not after you have finished reading. Annotating is not simply underlining or highlighting. If you underline anything, you should write a note in the margin that has an explanation/ thought/reaction. While it is preferred to actually write in the book, if you borrowed the book from the library and cannot write in your novel, then sticky notes with notes attached to the page the notes apply to will be acceptable.

As you read:

Annotate for the following symbols and images:

water (in the form of rivers, rain, etc.)

dogs

violence (weapons, whips, assaults, etc.)

spiritual/religious references (there will not be many)

historical elements related to the setting/time period.

As you notice these symbols, write in the margins why you think they are being used. What may they represent?

Annotate for the following themes:

Power

Violence

How characters are treated differently because of race, sex, class, and/or wealth

Annotate how the following characters develop (change, grow) throughout the novel:

Dana

Rufus

Kevin

Alice

Mr. Weylin

Annotate major conflicts throughout the novel. How do those conflicts help develop the growth of the characters?

At the end of each chapter, explain the title of that chapter and summarize what happened in it.

Inside the **front cover**, keep a list of the characters with character descriptions.

Inside the **back cover**, make a list of themes, allusions, images, key scenes, symbols, and identify the climax.

ALL WORK MUST BE WRITTEN IN THE TEXT or placed on sticky notes on the appropriate pages. No work in a Word document will be accepted.

Notes about annotations:

Some students like to use different colors for different topics. While this can slow down your work, it is okay if it helps you to stay organized.

You do not have to annotate every page. You do have to annotate all of the key elements listed above. Your teacher should be able to flip through your book and find annotations easily and frequently. If your teacher has to turn page by page looking for anything that you have written because there is so little of it then you have not done enough. More is always better.