

IC Catholic Prep Summer Reading
English Department: English 1
Text: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* by Mitch Albom
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Active Reading and Annotation Methods:

1. Highlight key information, significant quotes, or any parts of the text relating to themes, significant characters, or events. Do this in the book. Annotations help you to keep track of what happens as you read the novel.

2. In a notebook to be handed in, complete the following and label each section:

- **Ten significant plot points:** Write down ten important events that take place in the novel as you read.
- **Characters-** Write down the names of the significant characters in the novel and write down qualities of the character that are revealed. You should identify the main character as well as the five people he meets. What do you think each character represents? Write down your thoughts on this.
- **Conflicts-** The main problem(s) that characters encounter. Identify internal and external conflicts (character vs. character, character vs. society).
- **Setting**—Locale and period in which the action takes place. Describe the setting in a few sentences.
- **Symbols**—A thing, event, or person that represents or stands for some idea or event.
- **Themes**—A central idea of a work of fiction or nonfiction, revealed and developed in the course of a story or explored through argument. What themes do each person in heaven present to the main character?
- **Main Message-**What the author is trying to tell the audience about their work. After reading through the entire novel, write down what you think the main message of the story is. What is the life lesson? Explain your thoughts with examples from the story.
- Be ready for a reading test on the first day of school on the book.
- Please complete the special notes on the plot, characters, conflicts, setting, symbols, and themes in a notebook to be collected.