

IC Catholic Prep Summer Reading
English Department: English I Honors

Text: *Animal Farm*
ISBN: 0-451-52634-1

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.
2. At the end of each chapter, summarize the main ideas/events from the chapter in 4-5 sentences. Do this on a separate sheet of paper.
3. Make a separate section in your written notes of the following:
 - **Characters:** direct and indirect characterization.
 - **Conflict:** internal and external
 - **Irony**—Verbal (contrast between what is stated and what is meant); Situational (contrast between what is expected to happen and what actually happens); or Dramatic (when you the reader knows more than most or all of the characters).”
 - **Setting**—Locale and period in which the action takes place.
 - **Symbol**—A thing, event, or person that represents or stands for some idea or event.
 - **Theme**—A central idea of a work of fiction or nonfiction, revealed and developed in the course of a story or explored through argument.

Special Notes:

- Be ready for a reading test on the first day of school on *Animal Farm*. Also, there will be a paper that will be written within the first two weeks on the novel as well. There will be specific guidelines that will be explained to you for this at the beginning of the year.
- Please complete the chapter summaries and special notes on characters, conflicts, irony, setting, symbols, and theme on separate paper due to them being collected by the teacher.