

11th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

ENGLISH III	AP Language and Composition
<i>A Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah ISBN: 9780374531263	<i>A Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah ISBN: 9780374531263 AND <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald ISBN: 978-0743273565

All English III students will read and annotate *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah.

All AP Language and Composition students will read and annotate *A Long Way Gone* AND *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

ANNOTATION TIPS:

We annotate because observation and description are the stepping stones to becoming better readers and writers in and out of the classroom.

Annotation and close reading help us to look at **small details**: what parts make up the whole? Word choice, characterization, repeated subjects, imagery, metaphor etc etc, are all there for a reason. The author's small choices help lead us to the bigger picture: a central idea in non-fiction and theme in fiction texts.

Be intentional! Reading for school is different than reading for pleasure.

Tips:

1. **Toss the highlighter**—use a pen or pencil and write on the text and in the margins.
2. **Note** your reactions as you read.
3. **Make** connections to real world events.
4. **Underline** important quotes, use of literary and rhetorical devices, and note why they seem important in the margins.
5. **Circle** words you don't know.
6. **Summarize** difficult sections of the text in the margins.
7. Don't understand something? **Note a question** to ask later in class and **keep going!**

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