

7th Grade English Summer Assignment

Read and fully annotate *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Before starting, please watch this video to see what a fully annotated book should look like.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muZcJXlfcWs>

Students may come up with their own color coding system, but books should include highlighting, written notes on each page, and sticky notes for summarizing or making longer comments than will fit in the margins. The students did a lot of annotating with Mrs. McKay in 6th grade, so they should be comfortable doing this. If you have any questions over the summer, you may call me at 601-447-8587.

Annotations will be graded using this rubric:

Grade	Quality of Annotations
Level 5 = 100	The text is extensively annotated with copious margin notations. The annotations demonstrate a comprehensive and thoughtful reading. The margin notes show that the reader has proficiently analyzed the text, made insightful connections and drawn valid conclusions. Notations are balanced and show deep reading and thinking. All of the text is addressed.
Level 4 = 90	The text is adequately annotated with margin notations. The annotations demonstrate that the reader understands the text beyond the literal level. The margin notes show that the reader has analyzed the text, made some connections and drawn some conclusions. Notations are balanced and show some deep reading and thinking. Most to all of the text is addressed.
Level 3 = 80	The text is annotated with some margin notations. The annotations are basic and consist mainly of plot driven questions or literal ideas. Annotations indicate a basic understanding of the text. The reader has been able to make one or two connections, but has been unable to use the text to draw valid conclusions. Notations are unbalanced and some of the text is not addressed.
Level 2 = 70	The text is underlined in appropriate places, but there are very few margin notes making it difficult to evaluate how well the reader understood the reading. Notes are illogical and not balanced. Some of the text is not addressed. Comments are insufficient in length and depth.
Level 1 = 50	Significant parts of the text are completely unmarked. There are no margin notes, only underlined text.
0	The text is completely unmarked or not turned in.