



2020 Freshmen Summer Assignment

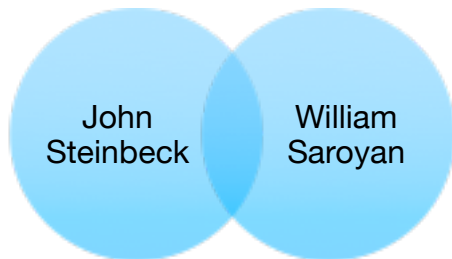
Congratulations freshmen on your first step of a four-year journey in PACE at John F. Kennedy High. You will be enthralled, entertained, and educated in a curriculum designed to challenge you intellectually. To prepare you for your Freshmen PACE Courses, each student is required to complete a summer reading assignment in English and in geography.

For your English summer assignments for English and Geography, we would like you to purchase and read *Cannery Row* by John Steinbeck and *The Human Comedy* by William Saroyan.

While you are reading both books, please do the following:

1. Cut out the attached bookmark, which details how to annotate a text.
2. Review the information on the bookmark and use the information while you read each book.
3. Write at least 3 annotations per chapter.
4. Post-it notes are also acceptable to use while annotating if you are not writing directly in your book.

After you have finished reading and annotating both texts, you are to create a Venn diagram that will focus on the similarities and differences of the two authors - John Steinbeck and William Saroyan.



Materials needed for your Venn diagram:

1. Paper no smaller than 11X17 - you can use an open paper bag.
2. Ultra fine Sharpie for lettering
3. Images to decorate the two different sides of your diagram
4. Color is ok but not required
5. And attach to your Venn diagram a typed work-cited sheet documenting your sources.

Ms. Baniecki and Mr. Pereira look forward to our time together.

Please sign in to PACE 2020 freshmen summer Google Classroom - class code - uprvduv

How-to-Annotate Bookmark

Book Mark **Before Reading:**

- Read the title and any subtitles
- Note the author.
- Examine any illustrations
- Examine the text (book, short story, essay, diary, dialogue, article, etc.)

During Reading:

Mark in the text:

- Character (who)
- Setting (when, where)
- What
- Why

Vocabulary:

- Word choice
- Note words you do not know or are not sure of their meanings and define them.

Write in the margins or use sticky notes:

- Summarize
- Make predictions
- Ask questions
- Draw pictures
- Analyze the writer's craft
- Reflect /react /comment
 - Agree/disagree
 - Make connections
- Look for patterns/repetitions
- Observe and note:
 - Themes
 - Literary devices such as:
 - ✓ Alliteration
 - ✓ Allusion
 - ✓ Imagery
 - ✓ Tone
 - ✓ Personification
 - ✓ Simile
 - ✓ Metaphor
 - ✓ Symbolism
 - ✓ Characterization
 - ✓ Rhetorical question
 - ✓ Irony

(You will add to the list as the school year progresses.)

After Reading:

- Reread annotations – crew conclusions
- Examine patters/repetition – determine possible meanings
- Review/ re-determine meaning of the title.

Notes:

Please read all of *Cannery Row* and *The Human Comedy*. Write at least 3 annotations per chapter. Be prepared to show your teachers.

*****Your annotated texts and the Venn diagram will be due the first Monday of the regular school year.

