

# Honors British Literature and Composition Summer Reading Assignment

Step 1: Select one of the following novels to read:

*Brave New World* - Aldous Huxley

*The Glass Castle* - Jeanette Walls

*Angela's Ashes* - Frank McCourt

Step 2: Annotate the novel

Watch "How to annotate text while reading" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w5Mz4nwcIWc>) and independently annotate the novel you chose. There should be several annotations on each page, including where major themes are located, literary techniques the author uses to develop these themes, and key passages or quotes that demonstrate these themes. Bring in your annotated novel on the first day of class.

Step 3: Prepare to write an in-class essay

In the first couple weeks of school, a day in class will be dedicated to writing an essay about the novel you chose. The only source you will be able to use is your novel, and the only thing that may be written inside the book are the annotations specified above.

NOTE: This entire assignment must be completed by you and you only. You are not permitted to get help from anyone else or consult sources other than the novel itself. The only exception is the Purdue Online Writing Lab, where common literary techniques are explained: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/575/01/>. Failure to follow complete this assignment independently will result in a zero.