

## Grades 5-6 Summer Reading Annotation Directions

While reading your book this summer, you are required to make annotations, which is just a fancy word for notes. There are guidelines for the notes. If you own the book, please write directly in the book. If you are borrowing the book, please make a folder with all of your notes neatly clipped in order of chapters.

What to include:

While you are reading, talk to the text by writing your thoughts in the margin. For example, if something happens that you really like, you could put a 😊. If something bad happens, you could put a ☹️. If you don't understand something, you could put a ?. Just let me know that you are engaging with the text.

At the end of EVERY chapter, write a one or two sentence summary of what happened/main idea. Also, write and define any unfamiliar vocabulary in the front/back of the book or on the page if you can fit it.

Finally, please make your annotations AS you read. Don't wait until you finish the book and try to go back. That really defeats the purpose.