

All Rising 7th Graders:

Assignment #1, Read:

It was with thoughtful consideration, that we have chosen the book *Refugee* by Alan Gratz as the Rising 7th-grade summer reading.



Assignment #2, Annotate and Summarize Chapters: 100 pt Writing Grade

Annotating is a way for students to connect with the book they are reading. Close reading allows students to understand the text in a deeper way and helps them remember information as well. Read with a yellow highlighter and pencil in hand. Try to read 20-25 pages in a sitting, as this will be comparable to their homework assignments in the coming year. At least 2-3 annotations per page and summarizing each chapter with 3-5 bullet points. This will be due on the first day of school.

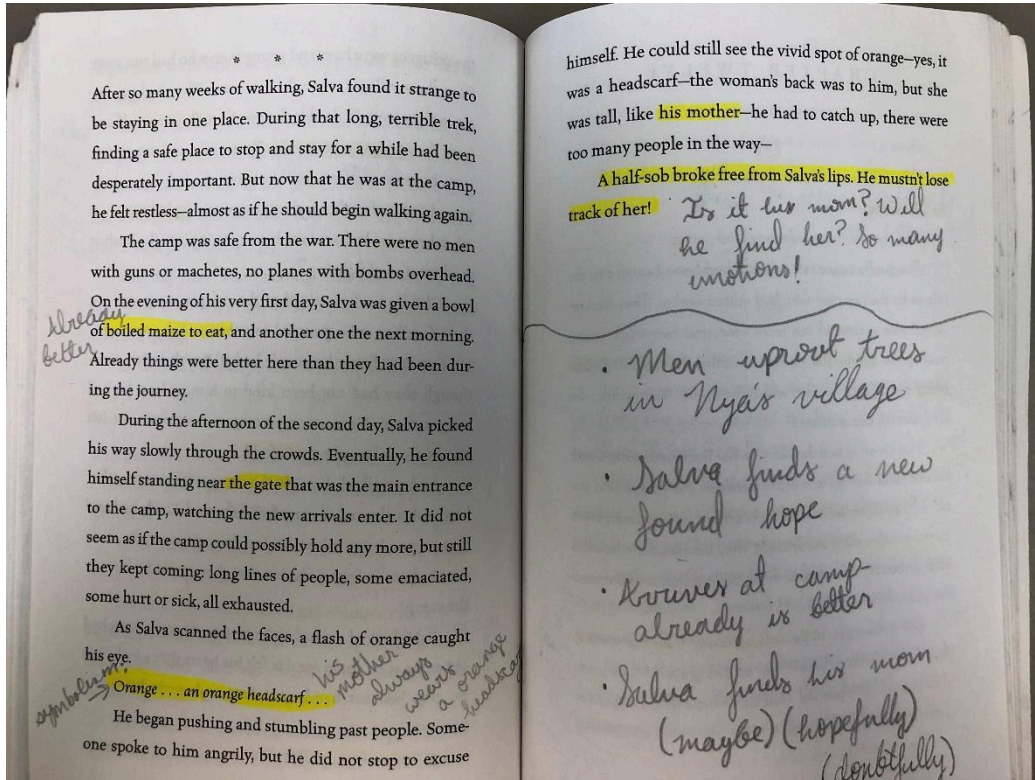
What to annotate:

The Reading Process... Read with yellow highlighter and pencil in hand. Try to read 20-25 pages in a sitting, as this will be comparable to your homework assignments in the coming year.

1. What??? - Mark passages that you need to ask about.
2. Wow!!! - Mark passages that strike you as meaningful, important, or that you just really like.
3. Words – Be sure to look up any vocabulary that you are unsure of. Give a synonym next to the highlighted word.
4. Text connections (self, world, text, etc), interesting points, potential themes, etc. are all things that can be annotated.
5. Once you highlight a word, phrase, or passage, be sure with a pencil, you explain why you highlighted it.

6. Finally, summarize at the end of each chapter the main points from that chapter. You will need 3-5 clear, thoughtful bullet points per chapter. If you cannot fit them at the end of the chapter, you may use Post-it notes. Please see student example.

Student Example:



Assignment #3, Test: Done in Reading Class (100 pt Test Grade)

Upon returning to your Reading 7 class in August, students will be given a multiple-choice test on the novel. It will consist of approximately 40 questions (character, plot, and theme-based questions) and two short answer response questions.