

Sophomore English 123 & 125 Summer Reading Assignment: *Catch Me If You Can* by Frank Abagnale

Due Monday, August 23, 2010

Active Reading Assignment: Margin Notes

All students are required to annotate (take margin notes) on the novel. Annotating will not only help you interact more closely with the texts, but it will also allow you to remember the novels when we discuss them in August. **During the first week of school, I will be checking your annotations for points.**

Your notes should include the following:

- 1. Chapter summaries:** On the last page of each chapter, write a 2-3 sentence summary of the main plot events for that chapter. Please write directly on the page or use Post-It notes.
- 2. Characters:** Underline/Highlight in **yellow** any descriptions or details that provide information about characters. Pay attention to the following:
 - Characters' physical appearance
 - Characters' actions
 - Characters' thoughts
 - What others say or think about each character
- 3. Important passages:** Underline/Highlight in **red** or **pink** any passages that strike you. Reasons for highlighting a passage could be that it shows conflict, reveals something about the setting, is an example of good writing, is funny, is thought-provoking, or is surprising. Please write your reason for highlighting these passages in the margins.
- 4. Theme notes:** Underline/Highlight in **blue** any passages related to the theme of Individualism. There are a variety of themes in these novels, but the central one we will focus on concerns being an individual. Individualism means "belief in independent thought or action." You should look for any passages in which characters actively think/act for themselves **OR** passages in which characters are told that they should not think/act for themselves. Please write your reason for highlighting these passages in the margins.
- 5. Questions:** In the margins, write any questions you have as you read.

I hope you have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you in August!