Sophomore College Prep English - Summer Reading Assignment

These assignments will be collected on the first day of school via Canvas (electronic submission). Your annotations will serve as the basis for our first unit of study in class, so it is essential that you come into class on Day 1 with your annotated text.

READ ONE (1) BOOK that is of interest to you and appropriate for the tenth grade level. Your book can be fiction OR non-fiction – your choice. As you choose, spend some time looking at genres and titles to find a book that is engaging and that you will enjoy reading.

If you're unsure where to start, we recommend doing a little research into popular titles for tenth graders, as there are lots of "best of" lists available online. Additionally, we have a world-class library here in Cincinnati, and they have some great resources for helping you find age-appropriate books that interest you.

NOTE: As you would do as you select a show to watch on Netflix or Hulu, please use some discretion and be selective. If you're unsure about the issues raised in a text, confer with your parents/guardians.

Your assignment contains TWO PARTS. **Please see the instructions below, and have your response to Part A AND your annotated book with you in class on the first day of school.**

ASSIGNMENT PART A:

To get a sample of your writing at the start of the year, you will write two (2) paragraphs based on the book you read.

Paragraph 1: What would be another appropriate title for this book, and why would this be an appropriate title?

Paragraph 2: Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

Requirements for EACH paragraph:

- EACH paragraph must be 250-300 words long.
- EACH paragraph must give AT LEAST ONE QUOTATION from the book. Before you give the quotation, explain the context of the quotation, that is, explain who said the quote, to whom, and what is going on in the book when this quotation appears.
- EDIT YOUR WRITING so that it has no errors in sentence structure, spelling, punctuation, capitalization, or grammar.

ASSIGNMENT PART B:

You should also annotate the text and take notes (your own notes, not printed from another source) about any/all of the following themes/topics that are relevant to your chosen text:

- Identity
- Society
- Dreams/goals
- Truth vs fiction
- Coming-of-age / loss of innocence
