

English 10 Summer Assignment

Read the following stories from the collection *Night Shift* by Stephen King:

- “Graveyard Shift”
- “Sometimes They Come Back”
- “The Boogeyman”

Use a pen or pencil to annotate your book. If you are using a library book, you may use sticky notes. Annotations will be graded the first week of school.

Note: There is some derogatory language in this book that is purposeful and representative of the time period. We will discuss the use of this language in class.

How to Annotate a Text

Annotation is a skill that helps a reader fully engage with a text and makes him/her a stronger reader. Annotation is NOT highlighting; it's the practice of marking places in a book that shows thinking and noticing of the writer's craft. While reading, please identify and mark the following:

1. [Signposts for fiction](#)
2. Questions, thoughts, and reactions about the text
3. Connections to other readings, current events, and personal experiences
4. Literary devices (figurative language, foreshadowing, irony, etc)
5. Emerging themes, symbols, characterization
6. Unfamiliar words: circle and define them

Annotating this information will not only make you an informed reader, but it will also allow you to have better conversations about the book in class and improve your analytical writing.

Questions?

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