CHOICE BOOK ASSIGNMENT

**BRING BOOK TO CLASS:** TUESDAY, Oct. 11

**BOOK AND PROJECT FINISHED:** MONDAY, Nov. 14

I will spontaneously check your annotation progress, without letting you know beforehand…*for points*.

ASSIGNMENT: Over the next 3-4 weeks you will read a book of your choice. There will be some time to read in class, but expect to read most of your book for HOMEWORK. As always, you must choose a book and stick with it. You will not receive credit for a book you do not consistently bring to class during reading time. You will do THREE (3) things:

READ THE BOOK

ANNOTATE THE BOOK

COMPLETE A BOOK PROJECT

The book you choose may be fiction or non-fiction, and you should pick a book that is interesting and has the following qualities:

* Is *at least* 150 pages long (if you speed through books, I expect you to choose a longer book)
* Has challenging vocabulary (this will differ for everyone, but one of your assignments is to find new vocabulary words in your book)
* If you are considering an AP class next year (either English or History) choose a book off the Outstanding Books for the College Bound or the Advanced Placement book list.
* You have **NOT** read this book before (I am aware of the Freshman choice book list)

**ANNOTATING:**

While you read jot notes on a sticky note OR write directly in your book (only do this if you own the book)

1. Underline, star, highlight, box, circle whatever words, phrases, or sentences that catch your attention.  
2. Write brief comments in the margins or on sticky notes. **Aim to write a note every 5-10 pages.**

* identify themes being developed
* descriptions of main characters
* conflict
* setting
* observations about what is being said or done
* what you are reminded of (people, feelings, places, moods)
* questions you have
* things that you agree or disagree with
* any connections you are making (to other books, films, songs)
* summary comments