

**Bearden High School  
Summer Reading  
Honors English I  
Rising Ninth Grade Freshmen Fall 2023**

Summer reading needs to be done during summer vacation. During the first two weeks of Honors English I, students will focus on summer reading. Students should be prepared to participate in class discussions, answer essay questions, and take tests on both selections. Students need to annotate each novel, which will prepare them for the discussions and essays.

Use the below link to learn how to annotate:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muZcJXIfCWs&t=10s>

**Read and annotate each of the following:**

1. *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
  - Annotation will focus on setting, characterization, plot, theme, symbolism, imagery, and foreshadowing.
  - Do not only highlight or underline. Always write in the margin the reason for the highlighting or color code your highlighting with key.
2. *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb (**NOT** the Young Readers Edition by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick)
  - Annotations will focus on Malala's major life events and the history of Malala's home: Swat Valley.
  - Do not only highlight or underline. Always write in the margin the reason for the highlighting or color code your highlighting with key.

***Synopsis of each work:***

*Anthem* by Ayn Rand is not just a story about the individual being swallowed by the collective, and it is not merely a story about the horrible, depressing life of people in a collectivist society; it is about the triumph of the individual's independent spirit and the triumph of those who reject the ethics of collectivism.

*I Am Malala* by Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons. *I Am Malala* will make one believe in the power of one person's voice to inspire change in the world.