



Attention all seniors taking Advanced Placement English 102:

In order to properly consider all the themes and insights Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie provides in her landmark novel, *AMERICANAH*, it is imperative to consider how to properly approach the text during the summer. Because there could be a sizeable gap between when you actually read the text and when you will be asked to respond to it, you are required to annotate the text as you read it. Good annotation is the best tool to use when considering how to demonstrate your understanding and mastery of the book as well as your insights into its themes.

When you watch the video that accompanies this assignment, you will learn just how to properly annotate a text. Keep in mind the following:

1. Pay attention to what the novel is telling you through its story line, and what is of particular importance and indicate that in some way.
2. Signal changes that take place in the story.
3. Highlight areas of interest and concern.

Suggestions on how to annotate will be demonstrated. The video also includes an example of what an annotated page should look like, so now you should watch it!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZXqr7_3Kw4

This is a dense novel and it isn't expected that you completely overwhelm each page of the text with your notes. Just make sure that you read the book with a writing utensil in hand, make notes when necessary, and you will be fine.

NOTE:

Since you are only reading one book this summer, it is highly encouraged that you have your own copy of the text, rather than a borrowed one or one on lend from the library (because you cannot write in a borrowed text). To start school without an annotated version of the novel will place you at a great disadvantage. Online versions of the book are available but they are more expensive, so buying a paperback version seems to be the best possible option. You can also buy used copies.