

Dear students and parents,

St. Joseph School is assigning a summer reading book for students entering the 5th Grade. We want to stress the importance of reading to help build language, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Students are expected to purchase, read and annotate the book **Maniac Magee by: Jerry Spinelli.** Students should return to class in August ready to discuss the book and complete assignments that will be based on the book. The attached assignments must be completely filled out and written in complete sentences.

Attached is how to annotate while reading. You may annotate directly in the book or use sticky notes.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Doucette
Grade 5

Making Annotations: A User's Guide

As you work with your text, consider all of the ways that you can connect with what you are reading. Here are some suggestions that will help you with your annotations:

- Define words or slang; make the words real with examples from your experiences; explore why the author would have used a particular word or phrase.
- Make connections to other parts of the book. Feel free to use direct quotes from the book.
- Make connections to other texts you have read or seen, including:
 - Movies
 - Comic books/graphic novels
 - News events
 - Other books, stories, plays, songs, or poems
- Draw a picture when a visual connection is appropriate.
- Re-write, paraphrase, or summarize a particularly difficult passage or moment.
- Make meaningful connections to your own life experiences.
- Describe a new perspective you may now have.
- Explain the historical context or traditions/social customs that are used in the passage.
- Offer an analysis or interpretation of what is happening in the text.
- Point out and discuss literary techniques that the author is using.

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Summer Reading Journal



Ch. 1-5

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 6-10

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 11-15

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 16-20

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 21-25

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 26-30

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 31-35

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 36-40

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

Summary of what I read:

Illustration of my summary:

Ch. 41-46

Date: _____

Story: _____

Words I struggled with:

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