

JUNIOR IB ENGLISH – SUMMER READING

***Beloved* by Toni Morrison (ISBN: 1-4000-3341-1)**

- You will need to purchase your own copy of the text.
- You will take a reading test on the book the 2nd day of school. You will need to complete a very close reading of the book in order to do well on the test.

Assignments to be completed for the 1st day of school

1. The chapters are not numbered so **number the chapters** for easier reference.

2. **Textual Annotations** – Annotating a passage entails completing a close reading of a passage and analyzing the text. Choose five 1 ½ - 2 page passages to fully annotate. Your annotations should include your analysis of the way language is used in the passage. Choose passages which are rich in language and contain references to motifs (see below). Select passages from a variety of places in the book. Be prepared to explain why you chose each passage – what made you feel each passage was significant enough to so thoroughly analyze? Complete annotations directly in your book.

Consider the following issues/ideas/themes/motifs as you are preparing your annotations:

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| a) importance of names (people, places, things, etc.) | h) memory & rememory |
| b) voices | i) healing |
| c) slavery & effects on manhood/womanhood | j) motherhood |
| d) bodies & body parts | k) water |
| e) ghosts & the supernatural | l) community |
| f) songs | m) eyes |
| g) plans | |

THIS IS NOT A TREASURE HUNT!!!! In your annotations, you need to consider the following:

- a) What is the context of the passage?
- b) Which motifs are in the passage & how are they used and to what effect?
- c) How does the language of the passage help to convey the larger ideas of the book?

3. **Chapter Summaries** – A lot happens in this book, and time is not always presented chronologically, so to help you keep the events of the book straight, you need to complete chapter summaries in your book at the end of each chapter. Your chapter summaries need only be a bullet point list of the major events which take place within that chapter. Ex) Sethe goes to circus and rides on elephant.

ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

If you have any questions about the book or the summer assignment, you can email Ms. Crown: crownfeif@yahoo.com