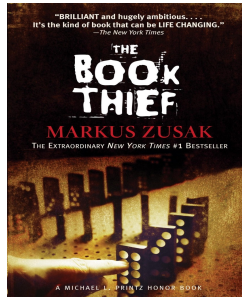


**English II Honors
Academy of the Holy Names
Essential Questions and Annotation Guide for Summer Reading**

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The expectation of summer reading is that you have finished reading the novel by the start of school on August 17th. The lessons and assessments that we do during the first three weeks will all be related to this text and there will not be class time given to complete the reading. The following guide provides essential questions, key themes, figurative language, and literary devices that you should focus on throughout your reading.

As you read the novel you should annotate for the following and be able to explain the significance:

Themes (A universal idea, lesson, or message explored throughout a work of literature.)	Motifs (A symbolic image or idea that appears frequently in a story.)	Literary Devices	
The connection between literacy and power	Books	Metaphors	Imagery
The struggles of the human experience	Stealing	Similes	Personification
The duality of humans	Friendship and Love	Symbol	Characterization
	Courage and Cowardice	Setting	Conflict (internal & external)

Essential Questions:

- How does the text value different types of courage?
- To what extent do words hold power and impact societal decision making?

Assessments (subject to change):

- Multiple choice/short answer assessment (summative)
- Passage analysis (formative)
- Harkness discussion (formative)
- One Pager presentation (formative)

★ *Please note: Any student who initiates and confirms a schedule change between now and the first weeks of school is responsible for the completion of the subsequent summer assignment of their updated class choice.*