

**Required Summer Reading 2017**  
**Freshmen Honors English I --Waubonsie Valley High School**

**Reading Assignment:**

As part of your commitment to Freshman Honors English, the Department of English requires those who are enrolled to enrich their study of literature by reading *My Name is Asher Lev*. Be prepared to incorporate this literature into the curriculum immediately.

**Annotation Assignment:**

Annotating means as you read, writing down questions and comments about the text in the margins, sometimes connecting to underlined portions that you have found important or insightful. Not every page should necessarily be filled with annotations; however, you will find many important sections that will require extensive annotations. Basically, annotating is writing down thoughts as you read. It can be as simple as a reminder of a character's name in the margin, or as complex as a symbolic connection.

Be sure to extensively annotate the appearances of the mythic ancestor, underlining specific images and noting the mythic ancestor's changes.

It is a requirement that you **read and annotate** *My Name is Asher Lev*. Annotations will be graded using the provided rubric.

In addition, **ANNOTATE** for the following thematic topics in *My Name is Asher Lev*: artistic growth, identity, suffering, religion, and tradition. Also, annotate for the appearances of the mythic ancestor.

**What You Need on the First Day:**

- (1) Annotated copy of *My Name is Asher Lev*
- (2) Cornell Notes
- (3) Resource guide for the novel (you do NOT need to print this – just use it as you read)  
[http://anh-mytran.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/3/7/13378239/asher\\_lev\\_resource\\_actor\\_packet.pdf](http://anh-mytran.weebly.com/uploads/1/3/3/7/13378239/asher_lev_resource_actor_packet.pdf)

**Annotation Rubric: *My Name is Asher Lev***

Annotations show significant engagement with text, going beyond the text itself and exploring larger thematic ideas	20 19
Annotations show meaningful engagement with the text, making connections between literary elements throughout the work	18 17
Annotations show reasonable engagement with the text, understanding literary elements & devices as they occur	16 15
Annotations show some engagement with the text, but effort and/or understanding needs improvement	14 13
Annotations show minimal or superficial engagement with the text.	12 11
No annotations	0

Cornell Notes for *My Name is Asher Lev*

**Analysis**

Context

List four words and textual support to define the character of the protagonist.

Define the central conflict. What idea does the author explore through the conflict?

Define the setting. How does the setting enhance the novel?

Language

Create a list of ideas that are explored in the novel.

Thematic Statement

Choose the idea you believe to be the primary focus of the novel.

What is the central message Potok communicates throughout this novel? (thematic statement)

Use the back for additional room.