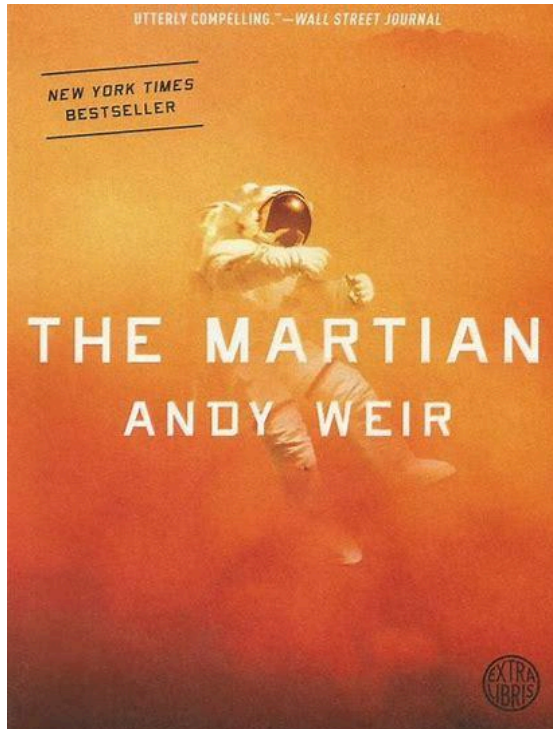


ENGLISH IV

The Martian



Obtain your own copy of the book and bring it to class on the first day of school.

Author: Andy Weir

Genre: Science Fiction

While Reading ...

- **Annotate the book.**
- **Keep a journal** (hand-written or typed in a Google Doc). For each reading session, note the date and the amount of time spent reading. Provide a brief summary of the plot and character developments for that day's reading. **You will turn in your journal on the first day of school.**

Tips for Annotation

- Underline key words/phrases & memorable lines or passages. (Write notes in the margin so you remember *why* you underlined those passages!)
- Identify *all* unfamiliar words and look up the definitions – write them in the margins.
- Write questions in the margins about things you don't understand.
- Note any literary devices used.
- Make connections to other texts, your life, your world, etc.

When You Finish Reading . . .

- Write a 300-word reflection to turn in on the first day of school. Include a discussion of specific events in the novel that provoked a notable response. What did you love? What did you detest? What caught your attention?

Be Prepared To . . .

- Participate in a discussion of the book with your peers.
- Construct a theme statement for the book.
- Identify textual evidence from the book to support your theme statement.
- Incorporate the textual support in a variety of ways & document it correctly.
- Write an in-class essay adhering to MLA style and meeting the expectations of a rubric.