Dear AP English Lit / Comp students (Class of 2023):

★ Please purchase a PAPERBACK copy of *The Road* (Cormac McCarthy)-- NOT an electronic text.

ISBN-10: 9780307387899

Available “used” on amazon.com
For < $5

★ All summer reading is OPTIONAL, but I highly recommend reading this summer to keep your skills fresh and mind active, and to ease your load in the fall. **You will be required to have read and annotated the complete novel by the BEGINNING of the SECOND week of the fall semester.**

➔ The point of this assignment is to **WRITE INSIDE THE BOOK**; DO NOT use additional paper.

➔ Annotating means making **critical and explanatory NOTES**. (NOT MERELY HIGHLIGHTING!!!!)

➔ **Use the same ABBREVIATIONS and SYMBOLS every time** you annotate (See suggestions, below*).

➔ **ALWAYS WRITE BRIEF COMMENTS in the margins** that indicate your motivation for the notation.

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**ANNOTATE the novel, paying specific attention to DETAILS about:**

- the LANDSCAPE
- the STRENGTH of the BOND between the boy and his father
- the CODE of BEHAVIOR for the boy and his father
- CONFLICTS between the boy and his father **AND** the RESOLUTION of those conflicts

*Sample ABBREVIATIONS/SYMBOLS:

! Important details

C Conflict

★ Resolution

? If something causes you to ASK A QUESTION. Be sure to WRITE YOUR QUESTION in the margin!