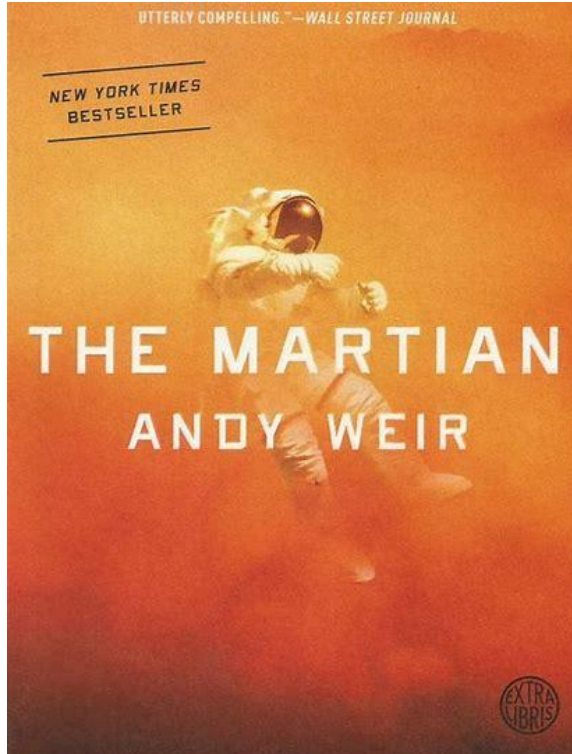


ENGLISH IV

The Martian



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

Author: Andy Weir

Published: 2011

Annotate the Book & Consider These Topics

- Survival and resilience
- Scientific problem-solving
- Human connection despite isolation
- The value of humor in adversity
- International cooperation
- Individual perseverance vs. collective effort

Tips for Annotation

- Mark key moments of innovation or creative problem-solving and highlight examples of humor and its psychological function
- Note passages that reveal character development or personal growth
- Identify scientific concepts and their application in extreme situations
- Record your emotional responses to pivotal scenes
- Track communication attempts and their significance to the plot

While You Are Reading . . .

- **Maintain a reading journal** with entries that include the date and your progress (pages/chapters). For each entry, analyze Mark Watney's evolving psychological state and problem-solving approaches. Document how secondary characters respond to the crisis. Your journal should include at least four substantial entries and is due on the first day of school.

When You Finish Reading . . .

- Write a 300-word reflection that examines how *The Martian* challenged or confirmed your views on human resilience and scientific innovation. Discuss specific scenes that provoked strong reactions and evaluate Weir's portrayal of problem-solving under extreme circumstances. This reflection must be typed in a Google Doc and in MLA format.

Be Prepared To . . .

- Participate in a discussion analyzing the novel's themes.
- Develop and defend a theme statement supported by textual evidence
- Complete an in-class essay following MLA format that examines how Weir uses scientific detail to develop character and advance plot.