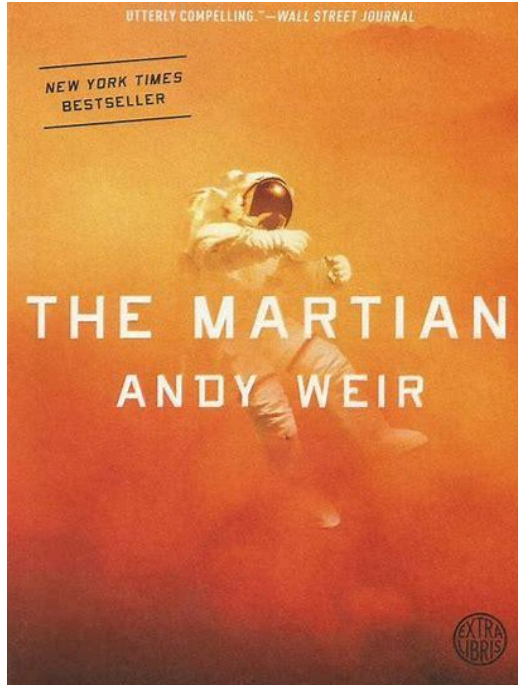


# The Martian



*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.