

**READ** *Among the Hidden* and take notes to help you remember important elements. There is no journal assignment for these books, but since you will be tested on the book on the first full day of school, you might find it helpful to keep notes in order to review.

As you read, it is strongly suggested that you take notes on the following:

1. **Characters:** Who are they? List the characters and tell what the other people in the book say or think about the character? What motivates the character to behave in a particular way? Are there any particular character strengths or flaws?
2. **Theme:** What is the idea about life revealed in this book?
3. **Plot:** What is the series of related events that make up the story? What are the complications as the characters take steps to resolve the conflict? What is the climax of the book? What is the resolution of the book?
4. **Point of View:** Who tells the story or from what vantage point is the story told?
5. **Notice when a passage surprised or puzzled you.**
6. **Notice when you particularly enjoyed a passage.**
7. **Notice details that seem important.**

*Among the Hidden* will be used in class discussions and projects during the first term. Additionally, every student should make a good faith effort to read and understand the book and to treat the assigned readings seriously. Please do not cheat yourself or your classmates by resorting to Cliff's Notes, Spark Notes, or other "study guides." These deprive you of the chance to respond to the literature independently and are never an adequate substitute for the book itself. Using them is also a violation of the Jackson Prep Pledge.

**Remember: Objective reading comprehension tests will be given on the book on the first full day of school. BE AN ACTIVE READER! Have a great summer and enjoy the book. See you in August!**