

Medieval Literature
Mrs. Shannon

Summer Reading Assignment

This summer, you will be reading *Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz and annotating in your book for the following topics:

- How do different characters respond to suffering?
- Vinicius' development throughout the text
- Christian v. Roman values

You will have a test on these topics and the book about a week after school starts. I suggest you annotate as you read. Don't simply underline passages without commenting on them on the page. Rather, it would be a good idea to consider some of the following strategies:

- Color code your annotations for each topic.
- Write notes in the margins related to each topic.
- Write questions in the margins related to each topic.
- Make a list of important passages for each topic in the cover of your book.
- Circle a character's name when he or she is introduced.
- Box new words and write their definitions in the margins.
- Write down your personal reaction to the events and characters as you read.
- Write down any parallels to other texts that cross your mind as you read.