

### **Required Reading for Sophomore College Prep I students:**

Welcome to American Literature! You will be reading *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd for your summer reading assignment.

When a person “tracks” a symbol throughout a novel, he highlights or marks any passage that relates to that symbol.

1. The author, Sue Monk Kidd, uses the beehive as a metaphor. As you read, highlight any passages that mention *bees* or the *beehive*. This will help you complete the written assignment shown at the bottom of the page.
2. As you read the novel, you should make notes in the margins of the book. If it a library book, you can use sticky notes. Focus on details about the characters and the plot line.
3. After you have tracked the beehive metaphor throughout the novel, write a response to these questions. Your responses need to be handwritten and on loose leaf paper.

### **Written Assignment:**

Read the two statements below.

--- Choose one character from *The Secret Life of Bees* and explain the connection you have with this character.

---- Find two quotes from the novel to help explain your connection to this character.

Write one response to these statements above. It should be two paragraphs. Remember, a paragraph consists of five to seven sentences. This response should be in your own words.

**This written response will be due the first day of school. Your assignment should be handwritten and legible. No late work will be accepted.**