

English 123C, Fall 2009
Annotating *My Brilliant Career*
Due: Dec 3rd

You have been assigned a list of thirteen or fourteen names, terms and phrases, from *My Brilliant Career*. Your assignment is to contribute annotations for these terms and phrases, according to the following instructions:

- Explain or identify clearly, in language your classmates can understand, both the entry itself and the usage in context.
- Give any historical, literary, or etymological information of interest.
- List at least two sources for each entry, only one of which may be online. Follow MLA style in recording bibliographic information (including page numbers). These should appear immediately after each entry.
- Submit your work to both Blackboard and Turnitin.com, beginning your file name with your own last name.

Each annotation must be in your own words—the usual rules about quotation and plagiarism apply. If you are in doubt about those rules, review the applicable section in a composition handbook (for example, from English 1A), or ask me. The total project should probably take you about 500 to 700 words, typed and double-spaced. Please keep your entries in the order in which they appear on the assignment sheet, and include all your words, even if you have no annotation for some of them. The following are examples of entries from earlier classes. **IMPORTANT:** Please begin each entry with the term or phrase, followed by the Penguin edition page number in square brackets (even if you are using another edition). If you discover that the page number for the Penguin edition is off, please correct it. Use quotation marks or italics with the term or phrase only if they were used on the list you received; otherwise do not use tabs, hanging indents, or other formatting, keep the same font throughout, and leave a space between entries.

Anglican Church [71]: Otherwise known as the Church of England, the Anglican Church includes several other churches that share essentially its doctrines and orders: the Church of Ireland, the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Church of Wales, and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. These churches are headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The history of Anglican Church dates back to earliest days of Christianity in England. In the 1500's the Church of England separated from the Roman Catholic Church. The beliefs for this faith are identified in the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed, which differ slightly from the Roman Catholic versions, and the Book of Common Prayer is the basis for its doctrine and worship practices.

betel [132]: climbing pepper plant whose leaves are chewed, together with betel nuts (from a type of palm tree), lime and cinnamon, in an addictive stimulant which, when chewed, causes saliva to turn red and, eventually, the teeth to go black. Widely used in South and Southeast Asia.

For more examples, you can find links to annotations for A. S. Byatt's *Possession*, Miguel de Cervantes's *Don Quixote*, Michelle Cliff's *No Telephone to Heaven*, and Arundhati Roy's *The God of Small Things*, on my home page at <http://www.sjsu.edu/depts/jwss/mesher>.

Please note: in some cases, the page numbers given are approximate, but should be accurate within a page or two.