

**Directions for reading and annotating your first short story:**

Read *There Will Come Soft Rains*. You may use class time or time at home to read this story.

As you read, you **MUST** annotate! You will receive part of your credit for annotating your story.

ANNOTATE means that you highlight/underline AND write notes in the margin.

What should you highlight/underline? What should you write? Use the guidelines below:

<b>If you...</b>	<b>Then...</b>
Make a connection	Highlight it and write the connection in the margin
Are confused	Highlight the confusing text and write your question
Have a “wondering” question	Highlight that part of the text and write your question
Make an inference or draw a conclusion	Highlight that part of the text and write your inference or conclusion
Notice something important	Highlight it and write why you think it matters
Notice a pattern, repetition, or an “Again & Again”	Highlight it and write what you think the author wants you to infer from it
Get to the end of the text	Spend 5 minutes or so reflecting on the ending and what you think it might mean. Write those thoughts and any lingering questions down.

**We will discuss this story IN CLASS on FRIDAY 9/9. Be prepared with annotated notes and at least some thoughts or questions to discuss!**