



The Age of Miracles **Thematic Annotations**

As you read Karen Thompson Walker's The Age of Miracles, annotate your book for ALL of the following themes. You will select one theme as the focus of an analysis essay.

For each annotation, put a book mark in your book marking the page. On the annotation chart for the specific theme, write the quote you wish to annotate (with the page number in parentheses), and then write your annotation (observations, notes, explanations, connections, comparisons, etc.) in the appropriate box. Be thorough and specific; the more thoughtful your annotations, the easier your essay will be to write.

Theme #1: During catastrophic or disruptive times, people cling to the ordinary events of day-to-day life as a way to cope with drastic change, even if that habit is ineffective or self-destructive.

Quote (page number)	Annotation

Theme #2: Despite extraordinary circumstances or events, there are some characteristics of adolescence that are transcendent; that is, these elements are shared across genders, times, cultures, societies, or classes.

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Theme #3: During times of great change or disruption, cultures tend to divide themselves into those who exist and perceive the world in the old ways and the those who do so in the new ways; tensions between these different ways of existing develop and conflict occurs.

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