

**Sun Valley High School
SUMMER READING 2016**



10th Grade
American Literature

Summer Reading Philosophy

The Language Arts Department at Sun Valley High School believes reading enriches a student's academic experience and greatly rewards future endeavors. Reading over the summer not only strengthens previous learning, but lays the groundwork for the next school year. Summer reading programs support students in the following ways:

- ❖ Previews themes and motifs of upcoming courses
- ❖ Enhances critical thinking and provides enrichment opportunities
- ❖ Commonality of texts promotes student -to- student discussion
- ❖ Introduces an array of genres
- ❖ Encourages them to read for enjoyment
- ❖ Combats the loss of reading achievement over the summer

Directions for students entering Grades 10:

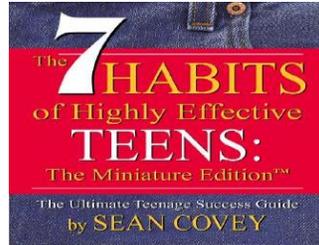
1. ALL students entering American Literature will read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck.
2. Divide the book into thirds and complete a Summer Reading Log for each of the three sections while reading. THREE Summer Reading Logs must be completed for the required book.
3. Your packet contains THREE copies of the Summer Reading Log. Students must complete all logs and turn them in to their English teacher on the first day of school. The reading logs must be ON TIME to receive full credit.
4. In addition to completing the Summer Reading Logs, students will be assessed on their knowledge of the book during the first week of school. This assessment will be the student's initial test grade for the new school year.

PLEASE NOTE:

- ❖ Summer Reading Logs should be thorough and specific. Students should reflect on the main events, themes, and ideas while reading and provide detailed, thought-provoking responses with adequate explanations. Additionally, students should strive to make personal connections to the text and include these in their responses.
- ❖ **PLAGIARISM WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.** Plagiarized assignments will receive zero credit, for all guilty parties. Plagiarism includes copying and pasting from the Internet, copying another student's work or permitting someone to copy your work, copying from a publication, etc. Please do not steal another person's work and pass it off as your own; if you plagiarize, you will be caught.

In addition to the required Summer Reading assignment for Language Arts, students must also participate in One School, One Book by reading *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*:

Sun Valley High School Presents



One School, One Book Initiative

“The inspiring examples from real-life problems that teenagers like myself deal with every day, and their experiences and situations, have helped me make lifesaving decisions. I highly recommend this book to any teenager.” —JEREMY, Age 19

The seven characteristics that happy and successful teens all over the world have in common:

Habit 1: **Be Proactive:** Take responsibility for your life.

Habit 2: **Begin with the End in Mind:** Define your mission and goals in life.

Habit 3: **Put First Things First:** Prioritize, and do the most important things first.

Habit 4: **Think Win-Win:** Have an everyone-can-win attitude.

Habit 5: **Seek First to Understand:** Then to be understood and listen to people sincerely.

Habit 6: **Synergize:** Work together to achieve more.

Habit 7: **Sharpen the Saw:** Renew yourself regularly.

Philosophy of One School, One Book: The genesis of One Book, One School started out in the elementary schools in the Penn-Delco School District. That philosophy has expanded into the middle school and is being introduced at the high school for the 2016-17 school year. The initial feedback from the elementary schools and the middle school is that when an entire school reads the same book, the excitement and discussion concentrated on the book enhances the student learning experience. Most importantly, reading a book together as a school creates the added joy of building and expanding a sense of community among all stakeholders including students, parents, teachers, and staff.

“One School, One Book compliments all of our efforts at Sun Valley. The *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* is an excellent tool for anyone of any age in our community. The book is practical, fun, and meaningful. A must read on anyone’s summer reading shelf.”

Pete Donaghy-Principal, Sun Valley High School

Philosophy of One School, One Book at the high school: *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* will be used with the freshman class in conjunction with the Freshman Academy curriculum. Assessment pieces in the sophomore, junior and senior classes will embrace all academic disciplines.