

Sun Valley High School
SUMMER READING 2016



11th Grade
World Literature

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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

11th Grade *Survey of Literature* Summer Reading Assignment

Required novel for all students entering 11th grade:

The Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka

Directions:

Honors Students: Read the assigned 1 Book, One School selection, The Metamorphosis, & pick any 1 novel or biography, by an non-American authors, with a Lexile level of over 1100, 9.0 Grade Level, 100 pages, minimum.

Accelerated Students: Read the assigned 1 Book, One School selection, & The Metamorphosis.

Assignment for all books (except for 1 Book one School):
Complete the Reading Log, noting title, date, pages read, student initial & parent initial.

Upon your return in the fall, you will take an electronic assessment for each book.

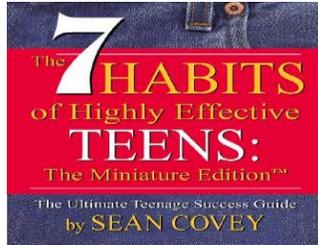
Honors Students: Use this link to assist finding a book that meets the requirements.

<https://lexile.com/fab/>

Works that do not meet the aforementioned requirements will not be accepted.

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.