



Sun Valley High School

10th Grade

SUMMER READING

Courses: *Honors American Literature,*
American Literature, and ELA II

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

10th Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Honors American Literature, American Literature, and ELA II

Required novel for all students entering 10th grade:

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck

Directions:

- **Honors-** each student should read *Of Mice and Men* and 2 additional books carefully and complete the attached Reflection Log assignment.
- **Accelerated-** each student should read *Of Mice and Men* and 1 additional book carefully and complete the attached Reflection Log assignment.
- **ELA II-** each student should read *Of Mice and Men* carefully and complete the attached Reflection Log assignment.

The summer reading requirements will be reviewed with the 9th grade students in the Spring of 2023.

Please review the Reflection Log assignment requirements and send any inquiries to your current 9th grade teacher or to Mrs. Lauren Schneider (lschneider@pdsd.org), Sun Valley's Language Arts Department Head, before the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

The Reflection Log Assignment is DUE IN SCHOOLGY during the first week of school (or sooner). English teachers will post the assignment after Schoology Courses are active for the new school year...ATTACH and TURN IN your Reflection Logs by September 8, 2023!

Note: Copies of *Of Mice and Men* are available at the Aston Public Library, Barnes and Nobles, Target, Amazon.com, and other retailers. The *Of Mice and Men* audiobook is available at Libby, YouTube, Audible, Amazon, and other retailers.

10th Grade Summer Reading: American Literature

Directions: As you read **each** of your summer reading novels, respond to the following 3 questions and provide at least 1 quote from the text to connect with your response. This will be a total of 2 reflections. Read the questions BEFORE reading the novel so that you can identify passages as you read.

Reflection 1

Book ONE Title and Author: *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

1- The “*American Dream*” is defined in Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary as “a happy way of living that is thought of by many Americans as something that can be achieved by anyone in the U.S. especially by working hard and becoming successful.” How does your book capture, reflect or NOT reflect this ideal?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

2- How does your novel reflect *current events*? **If it does not** reflect a current event(s), what does your novel connect with *historically*? (**this may require some research if your book was published earlier than the last few years)

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

3- Evaluate one *theme* (central idea) from your novel. What is the theme and how is it represented in the plot?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

Reflection 2

Book TWO Title and Author:

1- The “*American Dream*” is defined in Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary as “a happy way of living that is thought of by many Americans as something that can be achieved by anyone in the U.S. especially by working hard and becoming successful.” How does your book capture, reflect or NOT reflect this ideal?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

2- How does your novel reflect *current events*? **If it does not** reflect a current event(s), what does your novel connect with *historically*? (**this may require some research if your book was published earlier than the last few years)

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

3- Evaluate one *theme* (central idea) from your novel. What is the theme and how is it represented in the plot?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

Reflection 3 (Honors only)

Book **THREE** Title and Author:

1- The “*American Dream*” is defined in Merriam-Webster’s Dictionary as “a happy way of living that is thought of by many Americans as something that can be achieved by anyone in the U.S. especially by working hard and becoming successful.” How does your book capture, reflect or NOT reflect this ideal?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

2- How does your novel reflect *current events*? **If it does not** reflect a current event(s), what does your novel connect with *historically*? (**this may require some research if your book was published earlier than the last few years)

Answer:

Quote (with page #):

3- Evaluate one *theme* (central idea) from your novel. What is the theme and how is it represented in the plot?

Answer:

Quote (with page #):
