

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENTS FOR ENGLISH CLASSES – Incoming 9th grade

ALL 9th GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES

CHOOSE ONE:

Read three chapters *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* by Sean Covey.

OR

Read any *Sherlock Holmes* book or any **two** *Sherlock Holmes* **stories**. (You may find these free on-line at <http://sherlock-holmes.classic-literature.co.uk/>).

WHAT TO TURN IN:

1. Title (underlined or in Italics) and author
2. Brief (one paragraph) description of the book.
3. Your recommendation: In one paragraph tell whether you liked the book and who would enjoy it.
4. 10 vocabulary words. The words must be high-school level. For each word, write the following:
 - a. the word
 - b. the part of speech and definition
 - c. a synonym
 - d. an antonym
 - e. the page number and sentence from the book in which you found the word
 - f. your own sentence using the word. Your sentence must show the meaning of the word and come out of your mind, not be copied from another source.
5. 10 lines from the book. For each line include the following:
 - a. Line: at least one sentence long
 - b. Page number
 - c. What the line means or how it fits into the context
 - d. One connection you have with the line. This can be one of the following:
 - 1) How it reminds you of your life.
 - 2) How it reminds you of another book or movie.
 - 3) How it reminds you of something else in the world.

EXAMPLES

Vocabulary:

- a. obliging
- b. adj. ready to do favors for others
- c. accommodating
- d. stubborn
- e. p. 2 "What is the name of this obliging youth?" asked Sherlock Holmes.
- f. He was so obliging that people took advantage of his generous nature.

Lines:

- a. Think about an area of life you feel inferior in. Now breathe deeply and tell yourself, "It's not the end of the world."
- b. page 46
- c. The author means that we don't all have to be perfect at everything.
- d. I am not very good at math, but I am good at English. I can feel good about my English skills even though I have to work hard at math. It doesn't make me a bad person.

IDENTICAL PAPERS WILL BOTH RECEIVE A ZERO. DO YOUR OWN WORK.