

Summer Reading Assignment  
Senior Honors English  
Summer '23

**The summer reading assignment will be collected on the first Friday of classes in the fall. If you have any questions about the assignment, be sure to approach Ms. Whittemore via email at [mwhittemore@sof.edu](mailto:mwhittemore@sof.edu) prior to the due date.**

Hello! And welcome to your Senior year. This summer reading task begins your journey into 12th grade honors English and I am excited for you. This assignment is designed to keep your critical reading and analytical chops up over the summer. It is also designed to be enjoyable and worthwhile. Please read the task below:

The Task:

- Select any text that is at grade level. [Here is a list that you can select from](#), but ***this list is not comprehensive***. Please feel free to branch out from this list and read what you find exciting to read! \*Thriftbooks.com Bookmooch.com and the New York Public Library online are great places to look for books on the cheap and/or for free.
- Read the text cover to cover and take notes where appropriate.
  - If you own your text, feel free to take notes directly in the novel/play/collection of short stories/etc, otherwise on a google document or in a notebook is fine.
- After you finish the novel/play/etc, complete the following activities:
  - Review the quotes provided below and select a quote that you think best relates to the novel/play/collection of short stories/etc. Consider how the quote *supports or refutes* the major theme(s) of the work. Place this quote at the top of your document.
  - Identify and type out (with page numbers) **four to five** textual passages across span of the text that reveal how the novel you read relates to the quote that you chose; and
  - For each passage selected, in a well-developed paragraph of **six to ten** sentences, explain the relationship between the selected textual passage and the quote. (Note: You will have **four to five** selected passages and **four to five** paragraphs when you are done)

**After you read your novel/play/etc, please select one of the following quotes to complete your assignment:**

1. “We are our choices.” - Jean-Paul Sartre
2. “You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, ‘I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.’ . . . You must do the thing you think you cannot do.” - Eleanor Roosevelt

3. “The ultimate measure of man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” -Martin Luther King, Jr.
4. “I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress, and grow brave by reflection. 'Tis the business of little minds to shrink, but they whose heart is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.” -Thomas Paine
5. “How much more grievous are the consequences of anger than the causes of it.” -Marcus Aurelius
6. “It's being willing to walk away that gives you strength and power - if you're willing to accept the consequences of doing what you want to do.”  
-Whoopi Goldberg
7. “Make up your mind to act decidedly and take the consequences. No good is ever done in this world by hesitation.” -Thomas Huxley
8. “Nothing is worth doing unless the consequences may be serious.” -George Bernard Shaw
9. “Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful.” -Margaret J. Wheatley
10. “As simple as it sounds, we all must try to be the best person we can: by making the best choices, by making the most of the talents we've been given.”  
-Mary Lou Retton
11. “Every man is a creature of the age in which he lives and few are able to raise themselves above the ideas of the time.” -Voltaire
12. “Life must be understood backward. But it must be lived forward.” -Søren Kierkegaard
13. “The flame that burns twice as bright burns half as long.”- Lao Tzu
14. “The price good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.”- Plato
15. “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”- Margaret Mead
16. “I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else.’”- Toni Morrison