

## **Summer Reading 2024 UHS Assignment**

Upperclassmen, welcome back to another exciting year!

You will be studying American Government this year, so one of your novels reflects this study. Another is a staple piece of literature in most high school English Classrooms. **Please join our Google Classroom.**

**The class code is 6hjz7w4.**

On the classroom page, you will find information about summer assignments along with any examples for you to follow for these assignments. As always you can email me [zdevoll@welshhills.org](mailto:zdevoll@welshhills.org) over the summer.

You will be reading **TWO** novels this summer.

1. Upper High School will be reading **Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck** You will be writing a literary analysis of this novel based on one theme prevalent throughout the novel. You have an example on the Google Classroom of a literary analysis (all you need to know about literary analysis and how to set it up) to help you with completing this assignment, please follow the formula for writing this type of essay. You will also find attached a rubric of the areas that you will be graded on.
2. You will also be required to read **On Tyranny Graphic Edition: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century.** There is no literary analysis for this novel.

Reading guides for both of these books will be on the Google Classroom. You are expected to fill them out as you read. They will be graded.

I encourage you to take notes as you read, ask questions, and annotate in the margins of the page. I will post a refresher on how to annotate on Google Classroom. Annotating and taking notes will greatly assist you in reading comprehension, writing your literary analysis, and summarizing the book later on. Annotating and taking notes are active reading strategies that will help you tremendously!

It is highly recommended that you do not put off these novels and assignments, as you don't want to ruin your last week of summer break. Pace yourself and read a little every day. I will be checking in periodically throughout the summer!

I hope to see you at the all-school Ice Cream Social at the start of the school year!

Warm Sunny Regards,

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