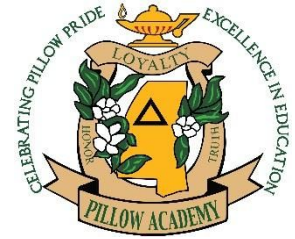


2019 Pillow Academy Summer Reading 10th Grade (English II)

Rising 10th graders will read two books this summer: One book is required, and the other selection is a book of choice. A test will be given on the required book on the first full day of school. An assignment (to be completed over the summer) for the book of choice will be due on the first half day of school.



Required book:

***Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck**

While the powerlessness of the laboring class is a recurring theme in Steinbeck's work of the late 1930s, he narrowed his focus when composing "Of Mice and Men" (1937), creating an intimate portrait of two men facing a world marked by petty tyranny, misunderstanding, jealousy, and callousness. But though the scope is narrow, the theme is universal; a friendship and a shared dream that makes an individual's existence meaningful.

- Read *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck carefully.
- A test on the book will be given on the first full day of school in August.

Book of choice:

Choose ONE book from the [2019-2020 Pillow Academy Summer Reading Book of Choice List for Grades 10-12](#). Your book of choice should NOT be a book that you have read before.

- Select and read your book of choice from the 2019-2020 Pillow Academy Summer Reading Book of Choice List for Grades 10-12.
- Make notes as you read to help you remember what happens in the book.
- Create a "one-pager" after reading your book of choice. One-pagers invite students to think deeply about a text and produce a single page of text analysis to represent its most important literary contents.
- One-pager must include:
 - 5 quotes (with page numbers) from the novel which illustrate the novel's theme and a brief analysis of why the quote illustrates that theme
 - 5 symbol sketches which illustrate the novel's theme and a brief analysis of why each symbol/illustration illustrates that theme
 - 4 quotes about the main character that exemplify that character's personality traits and a brief analysis explaining why each quote illustrates that trait (Be sure to identify the traits.)

- In addition to the above criteria, project must be neat, orderly, and exhibit effort!
- The assignment on the book of choice will be due on the first half day of school in August.

** Please Note: Summer reading selections are chosen based on literary merit and with high academic standards in mind. The books assigned by the English department at Pillow Academy represent a mix of classic and contemporary literature. Many books address complex situations and may contain adult themes and language. The attempt to expose students to challenging topics and issues is intended to serve as opportunities for students to think, theorize, question, and explore.*