

## PILLOW ACADEMY 2018 SUMMER READING

### 2018 Pillow Academy Summer Reading English II - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade



#### TWO Books

Required Book:

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

Book of Choice:

*Metamorphosis* by Franz Kafka

*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

*The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd

Each student will be tested on the assigned book, as well as the book of choice, during the first week of school. The tests will vary in format. One book will also serve as the basis for an essay assignment. You may find it helpful to take margin notes as you read. Pay attention to the author's style and purpose, characterization, symbols, themes, setting, and tone. Think about whether or not these books remind you of other books you have read. Finally, consider how the main character's conflict or dilemma may be a commentary on a larger issue by the author.

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. Pillow Academy recognizes that a particular work may be objectionable to a student or parent but further believes that exposure to these literary works far outweighs the benefit of censorship. The attempt to expose students to challenging topics and issues is intended to serve as opportunities for students to think, theorize, question, and explore.