

# Academic Challenge English

## Level 1 Summer Reading 2021

Incoming Level I English students are required to read three books during the summer:

1. Sean Covey - **The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens**

A free pdf download is available here: <https://archive.org/details/7Habits2014PDF>. The book can be read on-line or downloaded and read on any electronic device that supports PDF documents.

2. William Golding - **Lord of the Flies**

3. Chris Crowe - **Getting Away with Murder**



AND watch one movie:



*Freedom Writers* (2007) from Paramount Studios  
Starring Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton, and Patrick Dempsey

All of the books are available at local libraries, although students may purchase their own copies. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and leave sufficient time for obtaining and reading/viewing all materials before the school year begins.

For each of the books and the movie, write brief notes that focus on important information about the plot, characters, themes, and connections to your own life. **Do not write a step-by-step summary of the book or movie - major highlights only.**

In addition, after reading The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens, students are to turn in **ONE** of the products listed on the back of this page on the first day of class.

**There will be a test on the first day of class.** Students should be prepared to answer questions and respond to a writing prompt about all three books and the movie.



We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email any one of the instructors below:

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### Summer Reading Assignment Product

One of the assigned books for your summer reading is The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Stephen Covey. This book contains helpful information about time management, prioritizing, and self-development. **After reading, reflect on the lessons included in the book, and then choose ONE of the following products to demonstrate your understanding of the material.**

Products should be no more than **one page long** and all writing **should be typed**. ***Bring your product, stapled to this assignment paper, to the first day of class. Make sure your name is on your assignment.***

#### **1. Quote Collection/Mission Statement**

Having read and reflected on the 7 Habits, what words of wisdom would you apply to your life? Find five quotes from famous, notable, or significant people that you would choose to represent your goals and plans for life. *For each quote, write a brief explanation of how it represents you.*

Then, write your own quote. *Synthesize the thoughts and ideas into your personal mission statement.* Use the book as a guide for creating your statement. When future generations are searching for quotes, what will they find with your name? Explain how your quote represents you.

#### **2. Habits Metaphor**

Throughout 7 Habits, a tree is used as a metaphor to represent the categories and hierarchy of the habits. What other **images** can you think of to represent these ideas?

*Think of your own metaphor and create a **visual depiction** to show how it represents the 7 Habits.* Tap into your artsy side and be creative! You can use whatever artistic medium or program you prefer, but the visual image should fit on one page. Make sure it's clear how each part graphically represents the 7 Habits.

#### **3. Letter to Rising Middle-Schooler**

You are now in your last year of middle school. Do you remember back when you started middle school? It can be quite an adjustment, especially as you learn to switch classes, manage your time, and balance your activities.

*Take your experiences and the wisdom gained from reading 7 Habits, and write a letter to an incoming middle-schooler, giving him or her advice for being an effective student in these middle school years.* Follow a letter format and keep it to one page in length. Make sure it's clear how the 7 Habits are woven into your recommendations.