

12th Grade Summer Reading & Capstone Assignments

2023

Choose **one** of two books to read this summer. The books are as follows:

- *The Path Made Clear* by Oprah Winfrey
- *Undecided: Navigating Life and Leaning After High School* by Genevieve Morgan

Students should choose the book based on their mindset about endeavors after high school. If you know or think you know what you want to do after high school, then select the first book. However, if you are not sure about endeavors after high school, then select the second book. It is an excellent choice to read both books, yet this isn't a requirement.

Students will test on the one book they decide to read. The test will be given during the third week of school.

Literature Folder (Due first Friday of the new school year)

All students will be required to complete a folder/binder that contains the following assignments for the one book read.

- ✓ **Author's Profile**- (Picture and One-Paragraph Biography. Cite your source.)
- ✓ **Vocabulary**- Select **five** vocabulary words from the book that are unfamiliar to you. Look up the definition, and include the following information: vocabulary term, part of speech, definition, sentence from the book, and an original sentence that uses the word correctly.
- ✓ **Book Review**- Type an 8-12 sentence paragraph that includes a brief summary of the book and a critique of the book.
- ✓ **Book Analysis Question** - At least **one paragraph** (4-6 sentences) is required for the question below. Complete the question for the one book read.
 1. What part of the novel did you have the strongest reaction to while reading?
This response could be sadness, anger, excitement or another emotion. Why did you react strongly to that particular part of the novel?

Senior Capstone Summer Assignments

Senior Capstone will be based on a career driven topic. Your task is to tackle an issue associated with your career and focus on it for Capstone. But first, you must complete the following activities to give you a decent idea of where to begin.

The following assignments are to be completed on the first Friday of the 2023-2024 school year. **It should be turned in to me on that day. A final copy of each activity must be included in the Senior Capstone Portfolio.**

Career Exploration

- Activity 1 (Career Inventory: use Kuder – <http://www.kudernavigator.com> or a free career test – <http://www.123test.com/career-test/>)
Use the results from the career inventory chosen to determine a career or career path. Print the results.
- Activity 2 (Research three careers in that field; present information in a chart format or similar. The chart format will be on teacherweb.com)
In the research, please include Degree Requirements, Work Conditions, and Salary for all three careers.
- Activity 3 (Develop a 3, 5, and 10 year plan and compose an expository essay with an introduction, body paragraph for 3 year plan, body paragraph for 5 year plan, body paragraph for 10 year plan, and conclusion)
In the essay, please address the following questions:
 - Where do you see yourself in 3, 5, and 10 years?
 - What are your goals and how do you plan to accomplish these goals?
 - Do you intend to go to college or choose a technical path?
 - College- What is your ideal major(s)/ minor(s) in college?
 - College- Will additional post secondary education be pursued after a 2-year or 4-year degree? If so, what is required?
 - Technical Path- What is your ideal technical career?
 - Technical Path- What will your average salary be for the technical career?