

Olentangy Local School District Literature Selection Review

Teacher:	Gannon	School:	Hyatts
Book Title:	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens	Genre:	nonfiction self-help
Author:	Sean Covey	Pages:	245
Publisher:		Copyright:	1998

In a brief rationale, please provide the following information relative to the book you would like added to the school's book collection for classroom use. You may attach additional pages as needed.

Book Summary and summary citation: (suggested resources include book flap summaries, review summaries from publisher, book vendors, etc.)

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens applies seven timeless habits that provide a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with parents, and much more.

Provide an instructional rationale for the use of this title, including specific reference to the OLSD curriculum map(s): (Curriculum maps may be referenced by grade/course and indicator number or curriculum maps with indicators highlighted may be attached to this form)

CCS-Nonfiction- #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #8

Include two professional reviews of this title: (a suggested list of resources for identifying professional reviews is shown below. Reviews may be "cut and pasted" (with citation) into the form or printed reviews may be attached to the form)

Review #1

Amazon.com Review

Based on his father's bestselling *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, Sean Covey applies the same principles to teens, using a vivacious, entertaining style. To keep it fun, Covey writes, he "stuffed it full of cartoons, clever ideas, great quotes, and incredible stories about real teens from all over the world... along with a few other surprises." Did he ever! Flip open to any page and become instantly absorbed in real-life stories of teens who have overcome obstacles to succeed, and step-by-step guides to shifting paradigms, building equity in "relationship bank accounts," creating action plans, and much more.

As a self-acknowledged guinea pig for many of his dad's theories, Sean Covey is a living example of someone who has taken each of the seven habits to heart: be proactive; begin with the end in mind; put first things first; think win-win; seek first to understand, then to be understood; synergize; and sharpen the saw. He includes a comical section titled "The 7 Habits of Highly Defective Teens," which includes some, shall we say, counterproductive practices: put first things last; don't cooperate; seek first to talk, then pretend to listen; wear yourself out... Covey's humorous and up-front style is just light enough to be acceptable to wary teenagers, and down-and-dirty enough to really make a difference. (Ages 13 and older) --Emilie Coulter

Review #2

In a sparkling production, Covey answers questions from a professional announcer and introduces short testimonials from real teenagers about how they implemented each of the seven habits. Snappy music is used as background and transitions, and the tone of the entire program is hip and contemporary. Being based on a time-proven set of principles helps the effort, and the author uses many of his father's anecdotes and analogies. His own charm and authority come through in spite of the hot-dog antics of the professional announcer. The production is remarkable for its freshness and provides two hours of upbeat help for any teenager who wants it. T.W. © AudioFile 2002,

What alternate text(s) could also fulfill the instructional requirements?

Title: **Success Express for Teens**

Author: **Roger Leslie**

Title: **Life Strategies for Teens**

Author: **Jay Mc Graw**

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Author:

Document any potentially controversial content:

Keeping in mind the age, academic level, and maturity of the intended reader, what is the suggested classroom use: (check all that apply)

Gifted/Accelerated Regular At Risk

GRADE LEVEL(S): 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Reading level of this title (if applicable): 12 and up

Date Submitted to Department Chair: 4/10/12

Suggested Professional Literary Review Sources:

School Library Journal

Horn Book

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

Library Journal

Book Links

Publisher's Weekly

Booklist

Kirkus Review

Wilson Library Catalog

English Journal (and other resources of the National Council of Teachers of English)

The Reading Teacher (International Reading Association)

Literature for Today's Young Adults