

Summer Project 2024 - A Road Map to Success

Future Just Ahead: 12th grade

“The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing.” --Walt Disney

Hello, Class of 2023! Senior year is finally here! At this time you begin the transition from being a high school student to becoming a professional. A successful student is someone who knows how to prepare for college, is able to highlight the most successful parts of their high school career, and is able to share those successes with colleges and future employers.

This summer we would like you to complete a project where you create “MY ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS.” Read **ONE** title from the *12th Grade Summer Reading Book List* or select a book of your choice. We encourage you to read as many additional titles as you wish. As you read, be sure to *take notes on the book, focusing on the essential question, **To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?*** Setting and meeting goals is the best way to track achievements. Having the end in mind is an effective habit to succeed and reach your goals. You will develop a road map to plot your short- and long-term career-related goals and then use this road map as a personal plan of action where you can track your progress and celebrate those achievements.

Within the first days of school, you will share your project and participate in a Socratic Seminar. This will be the first two grades for your senior year.

Tasks and Resources

Task: You will need to reflect and begin to think about this year’s essential question:

- *To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?*

In order to complete this task, you will need to do the following:

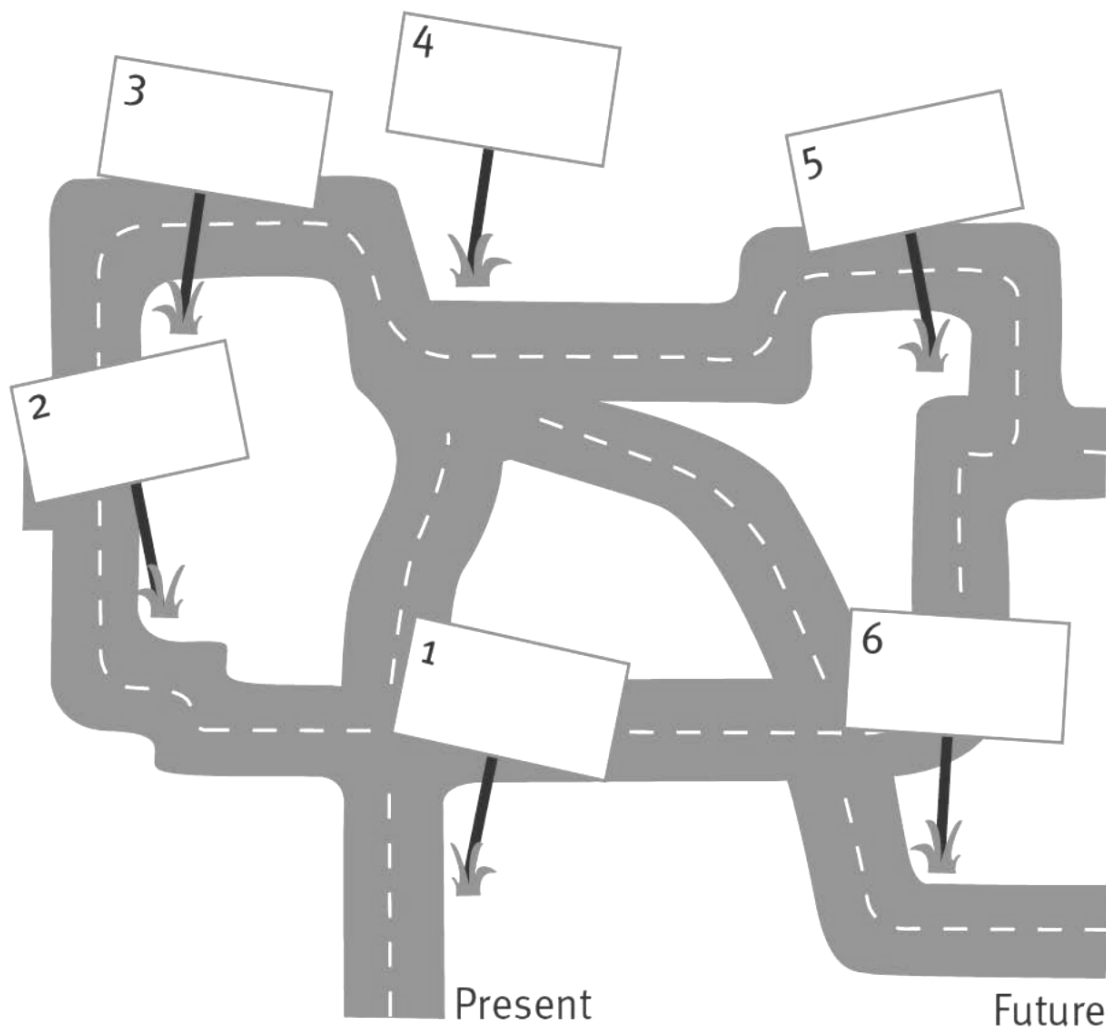
1. Read **one** text from the *12th Grade Summer Reading Book List* or a **book of your choice** that aligns to the above essential question: ***To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?***
2. Prepare to participate in a Socratic Seminar by:
 - Reflecting** on the essential question: *To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?*
 - Using 2 additional** resources of your choice that will help support your claim. *You may use the following articles:*
 - [Three Reasons Why You Need a Website](#), *Forbes Magazine*
 - [What Every College Students Should be Doing for Career Success](#), *Forbes Magazine*
 - [What Straight A Students Get Wrong](#), *New York Times*
 - [The Right Way to Pitch Yourself to a School](#), *US News and World Report*
 - [College Admissions Scandal](#) CBS News
 - [New Item of the College Admission Checklist - LinkedIn Profile](#), *The New York Times*
 - Taking notes and selecting** quotes from each of the sources that support your answer to the essential question.
 - Creating your own ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS. BE SPECIFIC & CREATIVE!!!!!!** (See sample below)



Questions to consider . . .

As Seniors, you will be reading literature that raise the following questions:

- To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?
- Is it our character that determines our fate?
- Who has the power to make change?
- Does gender affect personal freedom?
- What qualities define a good world citizen?



SAMPLE:MY ROAD MAP TO SUCCESS

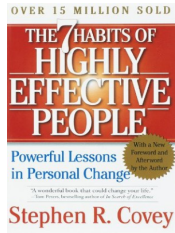


My Summer Checklist

- Prepare for the college application process
- Continue SAT/ACT prep for those that will take the August or October exam
- Research colleges and universities
- Research possible scholarships
- Visit colleges on your list to get a feel for the campus
- Do something with your time! (i.e. volunteer, work, enroll in a summer program, do an internship, be a humanitarian, give back to your school or community)*
- Choosing the right angle: Begin to think about what topic you will write about that will create a unique, purposeful and well written essay in your own voice that will appeal to the college/university of your choice.
- Complete the Summer Project - A Road Map to Success: Future Just Ahead
- Have a restful and productive summer!*

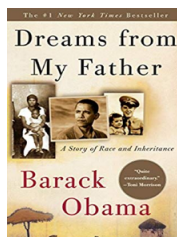
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Summer Reading Book List



The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen R. Covey
When Stephen Covey first released *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, the book became an instant rage because people suddenly got up

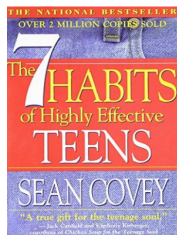
and took notice that their lives were headed off in the wrong direction; and more than that, they realized that there were so many simple things they could do in order to navigate their life correctly. This book is a wonderful education on how to live life effectively and get closer to the ideal of being a 'success' in life.



Dreams from My Father by Barack Obama

In this compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his

father—a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man—has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey—first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.



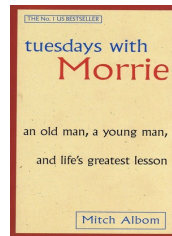
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

Being a teenager is both wonderful and challenging. In *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*, author Sean Covey applies the timeless principles of the 7 Habits to teens and the tough issues

and life-changing decisions they face. In an entertaining style, Covey provides a step-by-step guide to help teens improve self-image, build friendships, resist peer pressure, achieve their goals, get along with their parents, and much more. In addition, this book is stuffed with cartoons, clever ideas, great quotes, and incredible stories about real teens from all over the world. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens* will engage teenagers unlike any other book.



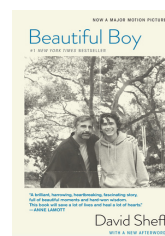
EQ: To what extent, if any, do we create and control our own destiny?



Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom

Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, and gave you sound advice to help you

make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago. Maybe, like Mitch, you lost track of this mentor as you made your way, and the insights faded. Wouldn't you like to see that person again, ask the bigger questions that still haunt you? Mitch Albom had that second chance. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the older man's life. Knowing he was dying of ALS - or motor neuron disease - Mitch visited Morrie in his study every Tuesday, just as they used to back in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final 'class': lessons in how to live.



Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction by David Sheff

What had happened to my beautiful boy? To our family? What did I do wrong? Those are the wrenching questions that haunted David Sheff's journey through his

son Nic's addiction to drugs and tentative steps toward recovery. Before Nic became addicted to crystal meth, he was a charming boy, joyous and funny, a varsity athlete and honor student adored by his two younger siblings. After meth, he was a trembling wraith who lied, stole, and lived on the streets. David Sheff traces the first warning signs: the denial, the three a.m. phone calls—is it Nic? the police? the hospital? His preoccupation with Nic became an addiction in itself. But as a journalist, he instinctively researched every treatment that might save his son. And he refused to give up on Nic.