

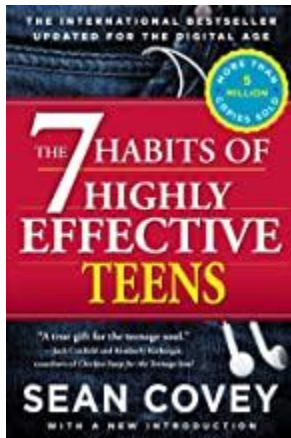
Be A Winning Writer

Teacher: Mrs. Sabrina Ayers

Overview: Students will develop their character through examining the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective TEENS* by Sean Covey. At the same time, they will expand their **SAT vocabulary** and writing techniques using two skill books. The writing prompts and skills they will encounter will help strengthen their critical thinking, so they become strong applicants (and winners!) for: essay contests, summer camps, internships, and college applications. This course is ultimately designed for students to help express themselves more fluidly.

Readings:

1. *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective TEENS* by Sean Covey
2. *Writing Tools: 55 Essential Strategies For Every Writer* Roy Peter Clark
3. *Vocabulary Cartoons, SAT Word Power: Learn Hundreds of SAT Word with Easy Memory* Bryan Burchers



Fall 8/17/20 – 12/18/20

Unit 1: Change Your Perspective

Goals: Introduce students to *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People's* principles, materials, and create a writing community to promote self-expression and responsibility.

Week 1

Introduction To The Seven Habits

Lecture: Get In The Habit

Define Your Habit – Paired Project

Week 2

Lecture: Paradigms & Principles

- Examine Samples
- Select Survival Stories

Week 3

Introduction to SAT vocabulary

Lecture: Character Ethic v. Personality Ethic

- Outlining/ Rough Draft Writing
- Descriptive Writing

Week 4

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 18 – Set the pace with sentence length.

- In Class Writing, Teacher Chats + Peer Editing

Week 5

Lecture: Tool 2 – Order word for emphasis

- In Class Writing, Teacher Chats + Peer Editing

Week 6

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

- Final Draft Due: Share + Discussion
- Reflection

Unit 2: Be Proactive

In order to be an effective communicator, one must be proactive. Students explore, The Personal Bank Account, Habit 1: Be Proactive and write to submit an entry for the **Scholastic Essay Contest** (or similar essay contest).

Week 7

Essay Contest Introduction

Lecture: The Personal Bank Account

-Brainstorm

Week 8

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Habit 1: Be Proactive

Roleplay Proactive v Reactive Language

- Outlining

Week 9

Lecture: Tool 6 – Watch those -ings.

- Rough Draft Writing

Week 10

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 9: Let punctuation control space and pace.

Circle of Control Exercise

- In Class Writing Teacher Chats + Peer Editing

Week 11

Lecture: Habit 1 Continuation

- Final Draft Due: Share + Discussion

- Reflection

Unit 3: Begin With The End In Mind

Goals: Students select their values in order to craft a mission statement. At the same time, they ponder: who am I and who do I want to be as a writer?

Week 12

Who is Jack London?

Lecture: Habit 2: Begin With The End In Mind

Analyze Mission Statements

Week 13

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Partner Slide Presentations

Student Discussion and Identify Core Values

Break - (11/23 ~ 11/29)

Week 14

Lecture: Tool 14: Get the name of the dog.

- Brainstorm/Outline

Week 15

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 40: Draft a mission statement from your work.

- In Class Writing Teacher Chats + Peer Editing

Week 16

- Final Draft Due: Individual Presentations

Week 17

Review Habits + Principals

Reflective Writing

Winter Break

Winter 1/4/21- 4/12/21

Unit 4: Exploring The Self

Goals: Students learn habits 3-5 to strengthen time management, relationships, and understanding. This unit culminates in the creation of their own podcast!

Week 1

Lecture: Habit 3: Put First Things First

The Four Quadrants of Time Management

Week 2

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 33: Repeat, repeat, repeat.

Week 3

Time Management: Big Rocks v Little Rocks

- Goal Setting + Wooping App

Week 4

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 8: Establish a pattern, then give it a twist.

- Reflective Writing: What one thing would you change?

Week 5

Lecture: Habit 4: Think-Win-Win

Partner Roleplay: Change The Situation

Group Task: Find A Solution – How To Make It A WIN-WIN

Week 6

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: What is a podcast?

Stump Your Partner

Samples + Listening

Winter break - 2/15 ~ 2/21

Week 7

Lecture: Tool 24: Word from a plan.

Podcast Proposal

Outlining

Week 8

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood

Continue Outlining

Week 9

Lecture: Tool 10: Cut big, then small.

Gathering Evidence + Appropriate Sources

Week 10

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

In Class Writing

Week 11

Lecture: Tool 19: Vary the length of paragraphs.

In Class Writing

Week 12

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Podcast Presentations

Unit 5: Synergize!

Goal: In habit 6, students learn to value other's perspectives to harness their strengths. Through group work, students practice college application questions, like: How would you solve a problem through a TED Talk presentation?

Week 13

Lecture: Habit 6: Synergy

Fishbowl Debates + Class Debate

TED Talks + Finding Your Passion

Spring break - 4/12 ~ 4/18

Spring 4/19/21 – 6/3/21

Week 14

Lecture: Connecting Through Storytelling

- Understanding Ethos, Pathos + Logos
- In Class Writing

Week 15

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 49: Learn from your critics + Teach The Audience Something New

- The Rule of 3, Incorporating Information
- In Class Writing

Week 16

Group TED Talk Presentations

Unit 6: Sharpen The Saw

Finally, students bring all of their yearlong skills together and reflect on how to keep sharpening their mind, body and spirit. In their last writing, they will continue reflecting with college application practice: What would your autobiography say?

Week 17

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Habit 7: Sharpen The Saw

- Brainstorm/Outline

Week 18

Lecture: Tool 52: Express your best thought in the shortest sentence.

Biography Poetry

- In Class Writing

Week 19

SAT Vocabulary Quiz

Lecture: Tool 23: Tune your voice.

- In Class Writing, Teacher Chats + Peer Editing

Week 20

- Final Draft Due: Share Your Autobiography

Week 22

Course Review

Student Reflections