

Reading
Ivy Collegiate School
2021-2022

Department: English
Email:

Time: MTuW 14:05-15:00
Place: 805

Course References: The following textbook is required for the course. Further related articles will be provided throughout the year.

- Nancy Douglas and David Bohlke, Reading Explorer 3, National Geographic Learning, 3rd ed., 2020

Objectives: Reading is a class designed to help incoming students develop their critical reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary, and promote confidence in class discussion.

Co-/Prerequisites: N/A

Course Policy:

- This course is reading and discussion heavy. You must come to class prepared every day and take part in discussions related to the readings covered in class.

Class Policy:

- Regular attendance is essential and expected.
- All written assignments must be your own original work and will be checked for plagiarism.
- Students will be responsible for keeping any additional handouts or readings throughout the course. It is recommended that students have a dedicated folder or file for class.

Reading Course Outline:

Week One: Sports and Fitness I

- The World's Game
- Analyzing infographics
- Evaluating evidence

Week Two: Sports and Fitness II

- What Makes an Olympic Champion?
- Scanning for specific information
- Evaluating reasons

Week Three: Skin Deep I

- What Is Beauty?
- Analyzing a writer's claims
- Evaluating claims

Week Four: Skin Deep II

- Skin: The Body's Canvas
- Summarizing the main ideas of paragraphs
- Applying ideas

Week Five: Animals in Danger I

- Racing to Rescue Koalas
- Determining the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Evaluating problems

Week Six: Animals in Danger II

- Tracking the Snow Leopard
- Annotating a reading passage
- Evaluating; synthesizing

Week Seven: Review

Week Eight: Violent Earth I

- Sacred Summits
- Summarizing a text
- Analyzing pros and cons

Week Nine: Violent Earth II

- Is Prediction Possible?
- Analyzing infographics II
- Evaluating visual information; justifying an opinion

Week Ten: Islands and Beaches I

- Land of Fire and Ice
- Summarizing details on a map
- Evaluating ideas

Week Eleven: Islands and Beaches II

- The Perfect Beach
- Identifying a writer's point of view
- Inferring opinions; evaluating using criteria

Week Twelve: Global Addictions I

- The World's Favorite Drug
- Identifying pros and cons
- Evaluating pros and cons

Week Thirteen: Global Addictions II

- Addicted to Distraction
- Understanding transitions
- Applying ideas; evaluating pros and cons

Week Fourteen: Review

Semester I Final Examination

Week Fifteen: Energy Solutions I

- Powering the Planet
- Identifying pros and cons II
- Evaluating pros and cons

Week Sixteen: Energy Solutions II

- City of the Future?

- Identifying an author's opinion
- Applying ideas; synthesizing

Week Seventeen: Epic Engineering I

- China's Grand Canal
- Understanding vocabulary: compound words
- Interpreting meaning

Week Eighteen: Epic Engineering II

- Highway of Dreams
- Inferring information
- Synthesizing ideas; applying ideas

Week Nineteen: High-Tech Solutions I

- The Power of Virtual Reality
- Applying information from a text
- Evaluating pros and cons

Week Twenty: High-Tech Solutions II

- High-Flying Helpers
- Recognizing text coherence
- Applying ideas; evaluating pros and cons

Week Twenty-one: REVIEW

Week Twenty-two: All in the Mind I

- What's on Your Mind?
- Identifying text organization
- Applying concepts

Week Twenty-three: All in the Mind II

- Inside Animal Minds
- Recognizing lexical cohesion
- Evaluating using criteria; synthesizing ideas

Week Twenty-four: Visual Pioneers I

- Van Gogh's World
- Inferring information II

Week Twenty-five: Visual Pioneers II

- Seeing the Light
- Recognizing lexical cohesion II
- Evaluating evidence; evaluating pros and cons; synthesizing

Week Twenty-six: Far Out I

- Defying Gravity
- Understanding vocabulary: phrasal verbs
- Evaluating challenges

Week Twenty-seven: Far Out II

- The Ultimate Trip
- Understanding appositives
- Speculating; synthesizing

Week Twenty-eight: Current Events

Week Twenty-nine: Current Events

Week Thirty: Current Events

Week Thirty-one: REVIEW PERIOD

Week Thirty-two: CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

Week Thirty-three: FINAL TEST

Grading Policy: Homework and quizzes (60%), Finals and Project (40%)

Important Dates:

Final Examination, Semester I Dec 13-16, 2021

Final Examination, Semester II May 30 - June 2, 2022

Academic Honesty: Students are expected to abide by the policies regarding Academic Honesty as laid out in the ICS Student Handbook. Any violations will be forwarded for administrative review and the possible imposition of academic penalties.