

The Well-Trained Mind Academy
WTMA Summer German Reading Club

Course Blackboard site: wtma.blackboard.com

Required Text(s):

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- Supplemental materials provided by teacher

Description

The WTMA Summer German Reading Club is designed to keep German students practicing their language skills and engaged in reading and discussion over the summer break. Students will come together with their instructor once a week to talk about that week's reading and learn about two of the countries where German is spoken.

This class is appropriate for students who have completed German I, German II, German III, or German IV with the Well-Trained Mind Academy. All texts are accessible to students at these levels. Students with more of a background in German will be given additional readings, in addition to the required readings. While the focus during class will be on the main text, excerpts from the more advanced supplemental readings may be introduced into the discussion, during which time more advanced students are encouraged, but not required, to help facilitate class discussion by explaining to their peers main ideas, points of interest, etc.

Assignments

This course is meant to foster a student's love of German and reading. There are no formal written assignments. Students who participate in all 8 sessions will receive a WTMA German Summer Reading Club t-shirt.

Participation credit is earned by attending the live class or by watching the recording of a class and then completing a discussion board response based on a prompt given by the instructor. You may find these prompts under discussion boards in our course Blackboard page.

Students will also maintain journals in which they will write informally about their reactions to the readings. While these journals will remain private and will not be graded, students are encouraged to use the journal entries to help formulate their thoughts during our weekly sessions.

After Week 1, each student will be assigned a week during which they are expected to prompt club discussion of the book at hand. When it is your week to serve as the club prompter, you should bring to class at least one paragraph (just be ready to point your classmates to a line number) that you want the class to look at in more detail, a question about that paragraph, and any other questions that you think could prompt some interesting discussion.

Example schedule:

Please note--Each reading assignment needs to be completed by the beginning of the discussion session in which it's due to be covered. Students are welcome to listen to audio versions of the text, but are expected to have a print or e-book copy to refer to during class.

Week 1	
Week 2	
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Week 6	
Week 7	
Week 8	