



Theory of Knowledge Senior Year Required Summer Reading 2011

In continuing our theme of journeys, please read *Neverwhere*, by Neil Gaiman this summer. Available at your local bookstore, *Neverwhere* is the “One Book, One Chicago” reading selection; it retails for about \$7.99 and is published by Harper Collins. The ISBN is: 978-0-380-78901-6.

The novel has been described as “a dark contemporary *Alice in Wonderland* with a punk edge; imaginative, well-crafted and highly visual” (*Minneapolis Star Tribune*). As you read and reflect in your journal, keep in mind our TOK ways of knowing (language, perception, reason, emotion) and the interconnection of areas of knowledge, such as the human sciences, natural sciences, history, mathematics, the arts, and ethics. The story centers on a dreamlike journey that catapults the main character out of his mundane lifestyle into an underworld of whimsy and horror.

Neverwhere is a reading experience conducive to the leisurely pace of summer. Please keep an insightful journal in the “dialogue” style: double-sided entries that include general comments and observations, names of characters, plot and setting details along with memorable quotations on the left and a critical discussion on the right that focuses on your personal reactions relevant to our TOK topics. A minimum of six fully completed pages is required (that is, three double-sided entries, written on both sides).

I hope you enjoy this unusual story, and I look forward to our TOK adventures next year!

With best wishes,
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