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2009 SUMMER READING

Why Read?

“Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.”
–*“Of Studies”*
Sir Francis Bacon

We subscribe totally to this inspiring aphorism from Bacon’s immortal essay, and our reading/writing program is designed to foster the development of full, ready, and exact students.

To this end we present the 2009 Summer Reading brochure, which indicates three or more books to be read at each grade level. English and Social Studies classes have required summer reading books. Some Honors and Advanced Placement courses also have additional reading requirements.



INTRODUCTION

All research demonstrates conclusively that reading is the key to academic success. Teachers have always known that reading proficiency is the best indicator of classroom success, but we now know that reading proficiency is also the best predictor of success in college itself. Therefore, we expect our students to continue with meaningful reading through the summer, confident that such reading will significantly enhance their current and future academic well-being.

This brochure lists required reading for English, Social Studies, and advanced Languages, and a supplementary list from which we urge all students to read additional works. The recommended list represents a cross section of classical, biographical, historical and contemporary selections that include a follow-up of literature by authors studied the previous year, as well as an introduction to literature by authors who will be studied the coming year.

Many familiar titles do not appear on the supplementary list because they are often required reading for the following academic year, and we want these works to be read and taught in the structured context of the curriculum. Everyone should feel free to move up or down one or two grade levels according to taste, interest and reading proficiency. A list of “Faculty Favorites” has been included from which you may wish to choose one or more books.

Duplication of some titles from lower school lists is intentional because these titles are just as valid now as they were earlier. Surely, no one has read them all, and they will still provide vital reading experiences.

Our summer reading goals are to encourage students to enjoy reading as a pleasurable pastime, to build on what has already been read, to prepare for what is to follow and to become aware of certain aspects of life which are outside the realm of their own experience.

Thank you for taking the time to look over the complete scope of this recommended reading. Perhaps some parents will want to choose one or more books for their own reading pleasure. It is our hope that this guide will fulfill the purpose of providing a structured, yet flexible program of student involvement with the life-long reward of reading good books.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students should consider the required summer reading as an assignment on which they will be tested during the first week of school. The selections have been made with course themes in mind, and study guides have been prepared to help students read more effectively. Study guides for most selections at all grade levels are available online at www.Bolles.org, with the exception of Grade 12 which has no study guides. We encourage students to read "actively," that is with pen in hand, marking passages that seem important and making margin notes so that the book becomes a viable tool for use during the school year. Students and parents may also want to read some of the "Faculty Favorites" listed at the end of the Required Reading. For your convenience, we have provided the ISBN for each of the

PLEASE NOTE: Only titles that are underlined have links to study guides. The books without guides are still required reading. Not all books have study guides.

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 6TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

Lowry, Lois

George, Jean Craighead

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

Taylor, Mildred D.

The Giver

9780064402125

The Talking Earth

9780440237686

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

9780140348934

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 7TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

Paulsen, Gary

Weeks, Sarah

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

Rinaldi, Ann

Canyons

9780440210238

So B It

9780064410472

The Fifth of March

9780152050788

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 8TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

Christie, Agatha

Crew, Linda

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

Frank, Pat

And Then There Were None

9780312979478

Children of the River

9780440210221

Alas, Babylon

9780060741877

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 9TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

REGULAR ENGLISH:

Hemingway, Ernest

Golding, William

HONORS ENGLISH:

Hemingway, Ernest

Golding, William

The Old Man and the Sea

9780684801223

Lord of the Flies

9780399501487

The Old Man and the Sea

9780684801223

Lord of the Flies

9780399501487

Tales from Ovid

9780374525873

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

Buck, Pearl S.

The Good Earth

9781416500186

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 10TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

REGULAR ENGLISH:

Hesse

Siddhartha

9780553208849

Great Modern European Short Stories

9780449912225

The Kiss by Anton Chekov

Araby by James Joyce

The Infant Prodigy by Thomas Mann

War by Luigi Pirandello

The Colonel's Lady by W. Somerset Maugham

Journey Through the Night by Jakob Lind

HONORS ENGLISH:

Great Modern European Short Stories

9780449912225

The Kiss by Anton Chekov

Araby by James Joyce

The Infant Prodigy by Thomas Mann

War by Luigi Pirandello

The Colonel's Lady by W. Somerset Maugham

Journey Through the Night by Jakob Lind

Euripides

Hippolytus

9780553213638

(found in *Ten Plays* by Euripides translated by Moses Hadus)

Lazarillo de Tormes

9780140449006

(found in *Two Spanish Picaresque Novels*)

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 10TH GRADERS: (CONTINUED)

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

REGULAR AND WORLD HISTORY HONORS

Wiesel, Elie

Night

9780374500016

If you will be enrolled in Latin IV, French IV or V, or Spanish V, see requirements below.

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 11TH GRADERS:

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT:

REGULAR ENGLISH:

Steinbeck, John

Of Mice and Men

9780140177398

Salinger, J. D.

The Catcher in the Rye

9780316769488

AP ENGLISH:

Steinbeck, John

Of Mice and Men

9780140177398

Salinger, J. D.

The Catcher in the Rye

9780316769488

Foster, Thomas C.

How to Read Literature Like a Professor

9780060009427

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT:

REGULAR U.S. HISTORY:

Gillon, Steven M.

10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America

9780307339348

AP U.S. HISTORY:

Gillon, Steven M.

10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America

9780307339348

Riordan, William

Plunkitt of Tammany Hall

9780312084448

If you will be enrolled in Latin IV, French IV or V, or Spanish V, see requirements below.

REQUIRED FOR ENTERING 12TH GRADERS:

REGULAR ENGLISH:

Ken Kesey

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

9780140236019

Shelley, Mary

Frankenstein

9780451527714

AP ENGLISH:

Shelley, Mary

Frankenstein

9780451527714

Daniel Defoe

Robinson Crusoe

9780141439822

Aldous Huxley

Brave New World

9780060850524

Evelyn Waugh

The Loved One

9780316769488

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT*:

*Due to the number of different electives, there is no Social Studies required reading at the Senior level.

If you will be enrolled in Latin IV, French IV or V, or Spanish V, see requirements below.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIRED SUMMER READING:

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FRENCH IV:

Sempe/Groscinny

Le Petit Nicolas

9782070364237

Sagan, Françoise

Bonjours Tristesse

9782266127745

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING FRENCH V:

Materials:

- ✓ Texto: *Lecturas Avanzadas: Spanish AP reader*
- ✓ Un diccionario bilingüe
- ✓ Un cuaderno dividido en tres secciones
 - AUTORES
 - VOCABULARIO
 - CUENTOS—REFLEXIONES

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SPANISH V HONORS AND AP:

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FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SPANISH V HONORS AND AP: (SEE NEXT PAGE)

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING SPANISH V HONORS AND AP:

Lee estos cuentos y ensayos:

1. "Cajas de cartón" p. 8-11.
2. "Se fue por clavos" p. 14-15
3. "A la deriva" p. 41-43
4. "La intrusa" p. 46-48
5. "La siesta del martes" p. 60-64
6. "Un día de éstos" p. 66-68

TAREA:

Para cada obra:

1. Lee la "mini-biografía" sobre el autor. Si necesitas más información, puedes investigar por hacer una búsqueda en el Internet. Toma apuntes en español en la sección **AUTORES**. (50 palabras- cada autor)
2. Lee cada obra. Cada cuento tiene su propia lista de vocabulario y utiliza el glosario para otras. Escribe 8 frases para cada cuento usando su lista de vocabulario. (48 en todo) Asegúrate de que cada frase tenga que ver con el cuento.

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING LATIN IV OR V:

The "Vergil Summer Reading" will be distributed at the exam and will be available in the San Jose Campus Store. A selection of readings in English and Latin, background on the material of the AP Vergil syllabus, and Internet references are organized in separate packets for Honors and AP which will be available in the San Jose Campus Store.

FACULTY FAVORITES

These books have been recommended for your leisure reading enjoyment by members of the faculty. Some of us have gone back to the favorites we had in our teen years. Others have picked favorites from another point in our lives, and yet others have chosen current bestsellers. It is our goal to acquaint you with the pleasure of reading a good book – not because it is assigned, but simply because it is a delightful way to spend some time.

Julie Babcock

Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland

This is the story of a fictional painting by the artist Jan Vermeer. A professor invites a colleague from the art department to his home to see a painting that he has kept secret for decades. The professor swears it is a Vermeer. A series of stories traces the ownership of the painting back to World War II and Amsterdam, and still further back to the moment of the work's inspiration. What I found most interesting was the common thread of fascination that each person had with this work of art.

Michael Benson

Alas Babylon by Pat Frank

The novel depicts the struggles of the residents of a small Florida town as they survive World War III and the devastation of the nuclear assault. The novel focuses on a "handful of men and women of all ages and races, who find the strength and courage to join together to push back the darkness."

Angela Blackledge

A Whole New Mind, (Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the World) by Daniel H. Pink

"The future belongs to a very different kind of person with a very different kind of mind-creators and empathizers, pattern recognizers, and meaning makers. These people-artists, inventors, designers, storytellers, caregivers, consolers, big picture thinkers-will now reap society's richest rewards and share its greatest joys."

I enjoyed this book because it is both scientific and the common sense "big picture." It tells, in a very interesting way, how important critical thinking skills are for success...*in the real world*; how valuable it is to be able to think outside of the box...*in the real world*; how to combine the right and left hemispheres of the brain to function successfully and creatively...*in the real world*. It is entertaining, informative, easy to read, and brings on so many, "ah hahs."

Laura Boswell

The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeannette Walls

This is a memoir of Jeanette Walls's nomadic, bohemian upbringing during the seventies. As the Walls family story unfolds, you cannot help but to feel you are a part of their life and enjoy every second of it. The open and honest writing is so inviting that you feel as if you grew up with them. It will leave you with an incredible sense of how much people (especially children) can learn and thrive under any circumstance and it will change many ideas of how the real people in this world actually live. You will never feel sorry for this family, only as if they are a part of yours. I found this book to be pure, raw, and captivating!

Leslie Wilkinson Brotman

The Power of One: A Novel by Bryce Courtenay

Set in South Africa in 1939 under the shadow of the Nazis and at the beginning of WWII, *The Power of One* is a story of triumph of the human spirit over discrimination, hatred and cruelty. Peekay, a young English boy raised by his beloved Zulu nanny until the age of 5 is sent to a boarding school filled with Afrikaans who hate him because he is different. Although lonely and abandoned during parts of his childhood, Peekay learns from his

experiences and the powerful relationships he forms with a variety of well drawn characters who help him to understand the meaning of courage, honesty and belief in oneself. Determined to become the welterweight boxing champion of the world, Peekay is a remarkable young man. This book captivates from the first page and is not only an epic story of a young man's personal journey, but also provides insight into the social and political roots of Apartheid in South Africa. I highly recommend it! Appropriate for teenagers and adults.

Allison Chandler

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Charles Dickens' account paints a troubling yet vivid account of the French Revolution, particularly the Reign of Terror as it swept through the streets of Paris. This classic brings to life the dramatic class disparity that existed in France as well as the espionage and mob frenzy of the revolution.

Cindy Clements

The Other Boleyn Girls by Philippa Gregory

This historical fiction book is a great read about the era of King Henry VIII and the Boleyn family. When Mary Boleyn comes to court as an innocent girl of fourteen, she catches the eye of Henry VIII. Dazzled by the king, Mary falls in love with both her golden prince and her growing role as unofficial queen. However, she soon realizes just how much she is a pawn in her family's ambitious plots as the king's interest begins to wane and she is forced to step aside for her best friend and rival: her sister, Anne. Then Mary knows that she must defy her family and her king, and take her fate into her own hands.

Jeff Creter

The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle

Tolle describes how our attachment to the past and to our ego-based state of consciousness creates dysfunction in our lives, and he defines "spiritual enlightenment" in easy to read, simple terms. This book provides a few of the keys to achieving greater personal happiness in your life. Read it...NOW.

Jeanette Edwards

The Bible. It's all about Love.

Janice Fluegel

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

Loving Frank is the story of a little-known love affair between American architect Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney, an independent and educated woman increasingly unhappy in her marriage to Edwin Cheney. Based on a real-life affair that scandalized turn-of-the-century Chicago and destroyed two marriages, the novel tells the story of two remarkable people who throw convention aside in order to be with one another. The cost of their freedom is high – abandoned children and social stigma (interestingly, more so for Mamah than Wright). Their story is both compelling and thought-provoking, and the scandal that their "forbidden love" provoked, with reporters hounding them across two continents, is an eerie foreshadowing of today's fascination with the private lives of the rich and famous. Despite its title, the story of Cheney and Wright is a tragedy on many levels.

Rich Gieson

The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene

This book is about a British guy stationed in Africa during WW2 whose crummy life gets complicated when the people in his world disappoint and frustrate him. Thinking himself a good man, he soldiers on, accepting everything and trying to make the best of it all—but some bad choices begin to erode his self-worth. He becomes haunted by his shortcomings, and his life turns quite desperate. Greene's voice is exceptional, and his portrayal of the stifling, humid Africa outpost where the story is set is very good.

Faye Goodman

Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen is a wonderfully magnificent story about a man who joins the circus at a young age due to an unfortunate event. It is very interesting and takes place during the depression era.

Vanishing Act by Jodi Picoult is an amazing book narrated by five individuals. It tells the story of a woman kidnapped many years ago and the people involved through this awful trial.

Dan Hall

Zero, The Biography of a Dangerous Idea by Charles Seife

Zero is a book for the mathematician, historian, philosopher, theologian, and anthropologist. "The Babylonians invented it, the Greeks banned it, the Hindus worshiped it, and the Church used it to fend off heretics. Once harnessed, zero became the most important tool in mathematics." This is a fascinating human story written by one of our most accomplished science journalist.

Kathy Hauelsen

For One More Day by Mitch Albom

This story starts with a young sports writer approaching a former baseball player, Chick Benetto. Chick's first words are, "Let me guess. You want to know why I tried to kill myself." From there the story of Chick's life is told in his voice, as he talks about his guilt for not being with his mother on the day she died. When he tries to commit suicide he awakens in a world between life and death and gets to spend one more day with his mother.

The story is interesting, intriguing, and pulled at my heart strings. I think anyone who reads this will feel differently towards their mother, children,

and family members. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. Other wonderful books by Mitch Albom are: *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*, and *Tuesdays with Morrie*. Fantastic books!

Bill Hillenbrand

Washington's Crossing by David Hackett Fisher

From high summer of 1776 on Long Island to dead of winter on the south bank of the Delaware, Washington's army is beaten from pillar to post. It has been literally decimated: battle, disease, and desertion reduce his 30,000 troops to a mere 3,000, ill-clad, ill-shod, and half-starved. Privately Washington admits that "the game is nearly up." In a bold move born of desperation he leads his ragged band across the Delaware on Christmas Day in a howling nor'easter and wins a stunning victory over the Hessians at Trenton. A week later he crosses again, outfights and outwits the British at Trenton, and runs a flying raid around Cornwallis' flank to victory at Princeton. The revolution given up for dead fights on. This is history at its very best, scrupulously researched and crisply written.

Tom Hopkins

Treasure of Khan by Clive and Dirk Cussler

This book offers a plot as credible as it is monstrous and the kind of exotic aquatic detail that amazes, informs, and entertains. The action, and there's plenty of it, ranges from Siberia's Lake Baikal and the wilds of Mongolia to the Hawaiian Islands. The treasure is that of Genghis and Kublai Khan, the great Mongolian conqueror and his grandson. The villain is a modern-day Mongol with dreams of restoring national power and pride. The heroes are Dirk Pitt, sidekick Al Giordino, and Pitt's son and daughter, Dirk Jr. and Summer, all affiliated with Pitt's National Underwater and Marine Agency (NUMA). The exploits of Pitt and company, particularly their narrow escapes, tend toward the larger-than-life, but these are nicely balanced by down-to-earth explanations of such phenomena as seiche waves and oil seeps.

John Howard

Baseball and Philosophy by various authors

Notice the title is not the Philosophy of Baseball, but Baseball AND Philosophy. The book is a compilation of philosophical implications that affect the game. Such examples include the application Jeremy Bentham's theory of Utilitarianism as it applied to the city of Minnesota's legal battle when the Twins tried to leave, the Zen philosophy and how it may be applied to hitting and the psyche of the fan who continually pulls for the perennial losers, the Chicago Cubs, and justifies this loyalty by the statement, "wait 'til next year!" These and other fascinating parallels of seemingly different exercises captivate and educate the reader.

Patty Kmiecik

Daniel Deronda by George Eliot

Two stories go on at once: the adopted Daniel searches for his identity, and the spoiled Gwendolyn flirts her way into a miserable marriage with Grandcourt. Through the two men's relationships with Gwendolyn, the plots intertwine to keep the pace moving. I've read the novel three times so far.

Danton Kostandarithes

This Republic of Suffering; Death and the American Civil War by Drew Gilpin Faust

Drew Gilpin Faust, current president of Harvard University and a distinguished scholar of Southern History, has produced a fascinating investigation of how Americans dealt with the issue of death in the Civil War. The magnitude of the casualties, coupled with the fact so many of them occurred far away from the comfort of hearth and home, exerted a profound psychological toll on their family and friends. Faust examines how the Civil War changed mourning, burial practices and other war-related matters in this illuminating and easy to read book.

Clare Lange

Life Is So Good by George Dawson and Richard Glaubman

Dawson, a black manual laborer who learned to read at age 98, has written a memoir that stands apart from other end-of-the-century texts. The product of collaboration between Dawson and high school history teacher Glaubman, the book juxtaposes significant events of the century with Dawson's personal experiences. Although he endured hardship, Dawson's positive philosophy sustained him to the ripe old age of 103.

Tori Lilley

On Beauty by Zadie Smith

The novel tells the story of the Belsey and Kipps families, fantastically tragic and atypical, yet completely typical. The novel explores the beauty of human nature but not in a traditional sense. Smith is able to portray human flaws and frailty in a manner that challenges her readers to question their definition of beauty and to appreciate individuality. Not limited to familial relationships, the novel also illustrates the relationship between and definition of race, social class, and gender—covering the gamut of the human condition.

Rufus R. McClure

The Aspern Papers, Henry James

Since *The Aspern Papers* involves characters of exquisite taste, embedded as they are in the world of letters, one might characterize this novella, which James himself regarded as his favorite, as a genteel mystery. Set in Venice in 1888, the city itself becomes a character. Rendered as a mysterious, somewhat gothic place, Venice is the perfect backdrop for the main character as he seeks to penetrate the cloistered lives of an aging American mother and her forlorn spinster daughter and wring from them certain coveted literary documents. It is sufficiently engaging to be produced as a play, as a movie, and even as an opera

Dee McGraw

Special Topics in Calamity Physics by Marisha Pessl

A witty, multi-faceted narrative told by Blue van Meer, a senior at the elite St. Gallway School, about her teacher Hanna Schneider and her group of “wild, wayward” friends. Very cleverly written—a mystery full of surprise and masterfully composed sentences!!

Nicole Murrell

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

The gripping memoirs of a girl who grew up in an impoverished and dysfunctional family. Her stories are so unbelievable that you simply can't put the book down. Coming from nothing and ultimately making it to a successful life, this saga leaves you wanting more. One of the best books I've ever read.

John Newman

The 33-Year-Old Rookie: How I Finally Made it to the Big Leagues After Eleven Years in the Minors by Chris Coste

Chris Coste dreamed of playing major-league baseball from the age of seven. But after eleven grueling years in the minors, a spot on a major-league roster still seemed just out of his reach—until that fateful call came from the Philadelphia Phillies in May 2006. At age thirty-three (“going on eighty”), Coste was finally heading to the big time.

The 33-Year-Old Rookie is like a real-life Rocky, an unforgettable and inspirational story of one man's unwavering pursuit of a lifelong goal. Beginning in a single-parent home in Fargo, North Dakota, and ending behind home plate on the flawless diamond of the Phillies' Citizens Bank Park—where fans and teammates call him “Chris Clutch” because of his knack for getting timely hits—this intimate account of Coste's baseball odyssey is a powerful story of determination, perseverance, and passion.

Donald Paige

Pathfinders: A Global History of Exploration by Felipe Fernandez-Armesto

Fernandez-Armesto is infatuated with those who exude curiosity, spirit and bravado. The longtime historian of the Spanish period of exploration, Fernandez-Armesto has decided to expand his horizons to the history of all explorers from the very first hunter-gatherer cultures to today's astronauts and deep sea cartographers. Enough information to serve as a chronological encyclopedia of exploration but riddled with anecdotes that make the stories of Vasco da Gama, James Cook and Ibn Fadlan come alive. It reminds us constantly that there is still so much to explore in the world and gives us the inspiration to do so.

Louise Ropp

West with the Night by Beryl Markham

This entertaining book is the autobiographical story of Beryl Markham, who became the first person to fly the Atlantic from England to the North American continent. Ernest Hemingway reported it to be factual. He wrote to his friend Maxwell Perkins “I wish you would get it and read it because it is really a bloody wonderful book.” I concur. It is appropriate for everyone from 8th grade to adults. Girls should particularly enjoy her triumphs in a man's world both in the air and on the race track. She lived in an exciting time of colonial Africa.

Fred Scott

Cumberland Island: Strong Women, Wild Horses by Charles Seabrook

Nearby Cumberland Island has captured the interest of visitors and historians for years. Charles Seabrook tells the story of generations of people who have called this island home. Cumberland Island today tells a story as a National Park and the challenges of nearby development. Boats leave daily from St Mary's, Georgia, for an island adventure

Carolyn S. Smith

The Road by Cormac McCarthy

Disturbing and haunting, this post-apocalyptic novel leaves many questions in the reader's mind: was the cause of such devastation a nuclear attack?...perhaps an environmental disaster? What ultimately matters is the author's depiction of the enduring love between a father and son. As you witness their struggle to survive in what appears to be a global wasteland, your notions of what it means to be human may change.

Melissa Tyler

The Thirteenth Tale by Diane Setterfield, Ph.D.

Reminiscent of the works of du Maurier and the Brontës, *The Thirteenth Tale* lures the reader through a dimly-lit antiquarian bookstore to an over-decorated country estate and finally to a ruined manor house. Replete with murder and madness, the story contains two heroines: one, a sheltered young bookseller and burgeoning biographer of obscure writers, and the other, a famous, aging novelist whose dark secrets beg to be told. The author, a former professor of French literature, styles her story with an uncommon elegance and a healthy dose of bibliophilia. This is not your mother's English-country-house-mystery!

Lynn Wilkinson

The Intellectual Devotional: Revive Your Mind, Complete Your Education, and Roam Confidently with the Cultured Class by David S. Kidder & Noah D. Oppenheim

This book provides the reader with short, easy to read one page synopsis of important facts from one of the fields of knowledge: History, Literature, Visual Arts, Science, Music, Philosophy, and Religion. Do you remember why W.E.B. Du Bois is a significant historical figure or why the portrait known as “Whistler's Mother” has become an iconic image of motherhood? Keep this book by your bed to catch up on things you learned in school but can't quite remember the details.