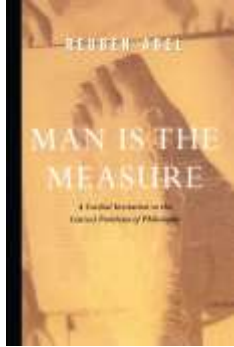


IB TOK Summer Reading Assignment

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) – Derek Allison (Instructor)

Required Reading (Book)

Man is the Measure, A Cordial Invitation to the Central Problems of Philosophy, Reuben Abel



****Currently can be found on Amazon for \$15.00 [New] or \$1.50 [Used]**

Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Knowing about Knowing

Theory of Knowledge is a course about critical thinking and inquiring into the process of knowing, rather than about learning a specific body of knowledge. The TOK course examines how we know what we claim to know. –Theory of Knowledge Course Guide

Good luck with these assignments, and I look forward to seeing everyone after the summer!

Derek Allison (Lexington High School – IB TOK Instructor)

Summer Reading & Assignment:

The summer reading (and assignment) is centered upon preparation for the **IB Theory of Knowledge Prescribed Title** and **IB Theory of Knowledge Presentation**. The summer reading will better prepare candidates for participation in the second portion of the IB Theory of Knowledge course, the TOK Presentations and TOK Prescribed Title essay.

Assignment:

- 1. Read Chapters 1, 2 and 3 in *Man is the Measure* by Reuben Abel***
 - a. Introduction: The Philosophic Enterprise**
 - b. Chapter 1 – Metaphysics: What in the World is There?**
 - c. Chapter 2 – The Basis of Knowledge**
 - d. Chapter 3 – Our Knowledge of the External World**

The first reading will be mandatory for all IB TOK candidates as it discusses at length the premise of knowledge and the way that knowledge is acquired. The IB candidate will use what was read to begin work on a TOK Presentation that is centered on a knowledge issue that seeks to answer a question concerning the pseudo-philosophy that is articulated by Abel's book.

- 2. Select TWO additional chapters from *Man is the Measure* by Reuben Abel****
 - a. One chapter which focuses on a WOK (Way of Knowing)**
 - b. One chapter which focuses on an AOK (Area of Knowledge)**

The text will also provide candidates with a primary reading resource for the second half of the course and it is encouraged that students utilize the text as a resource in their TOK Presentations and TOK Prescribed Title essay.

*** There will be an assessment of the required reading in the first ten days following summer break.**

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If there are any questions/concerns about the summer assignment please do not hesitate to e-mail me (dallison@lexington1.net). Do not wait until the last possible moment to complete.

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