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| **Procedure:**  **I. Reading 1:** COLD READING Read as normal.  **II. Reading 2:** CONTENT 1 color highlighter  Section 1: Who ran out of the kitchen?  What was dripping dark red?  What was Sydelle clutching?  Section 2: Why couldn’t the firetrucks reach Sunset Towers?  Section 3: Why was everything OK?  Section 4: What was Mrs. Theodorakis covered with?  Section 5: What was Mr. Hoo trying to conceal?  Section 6: What did George Theodorakis think caused the explosion?  How did Catherine Theodorakis describe the explosion?  What does Doug Hoo think caused the explosion?  Section7: Why did Judge Ford want the accident to be reported to the police immediately?  Why did Mr. Hoo smile?  **III.** *Go over answers to reading 2. Have them flip the paper and write a 1-2 sentence summary.*  **IV.** *Review literature terms: suspense, mood, irony, indirect characterization, onomatopoeia*    **V. Reading 3:** LITERATURE TERMS Different color highlighter  Section 1: What line or phrase adds to the mood?  Section 2: What line or phrase adds to the suspense?  Section 4: What is ironic in this section?  Section 5: What indirect characterization is revealed about Mr. Hoo? Highlight the evidence.  Section 6: What are examples of onomatopoeia?  Section 7: What indirect characterization is revealed about Grace? Highlight the evidence.  **VI.** *Go over answers to reading 3.* |

**Chapter 12 Text Selection for Highlighted Reading**

**KEY**

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