

2023 SUMMER READING LIST*

ELEMENTARY

Required Reading

1st Grade: First Grade, Here I Come by Nancy Carlson

Chester the Raccoon and the Big Bad Bully by Audrey Penn

A Letter to Amy by Ezra Jack Keats

The Bear's Vacation by Stan and

Jan Berenstain

Curious George by H.A. Rey

2nd Grade: Arthur by Mark Brown (chapter book)

Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

Henry and Mudge Series by Cynthia Rylant

Amelia Bedelia by Peggy Parrish

3rd Grade: Dinosaurs before Dark, Mary Pope Osborne

Jack Plank Tells Tall Tales, Natalie Babbitt

Mummies in the Morning, Mary Pope Osborne

Little House on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder

Masterpiece, Elise Broach

4th Grade: Smile, Raina Telgemeier

George's Marvelous Medicine, Roald Dahl

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan (Series)

The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin

Swindle, Gordon Korman (Series)

Super Gifted, Gordon Korman

Any 2023/2024 Crown Award Nominee

5th Grade: Prince Caspian, C.S. Lewis

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg

Scumble, Ingrid Law

Switch, Ingrid Law

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose one of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit.)

The 21 Balloons, William Pené duBois
Around the World in 80 Days, Jules Verne
Hatchet, Gary Paulsen (or any subsequent novels in the series)
Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss
The Christmasaurus, Tom Fletcher
The Chronicles of Narnia Series, C.S. Lewis (Any book from the series will suffice).
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
The Wild Robot, Peter Brown

SEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose one of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit.)

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
The Series of Unfortunate Events Novels, Lemony Snicket (Any book from the series will suffice).
Holes, Louis Sachar
The Yearling, M.K. Rawlings
The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind, Byran Mealer and William Kamkwamba
Operation Do-Over, Gordon Korman
Anne of Green Gables Series by L.M. Montgomery
Call of the Wild by Jack London

EIGHTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution*, Avi

Extra Credit: (You must fill out a Secondary Extra Credit Summer Reading Verification form for each book)

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb (Young Readers and the original novel are acceptable)
In My Father's House, Ann Rinaldi
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

HIGH SCHOOL

NINTH GRADE

Required Reading: *The Hunger Games*, Susan Collins

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for Honors English: *The Hunger Games*, Susan Collins **and** *Out of the Silent Planet*, C.S. Lewis

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>Perelandra</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>That Hideous Strength</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>Live Your Truth and Other Lies: Exposing Popular Deceptions That Make Us Anxious, Exhausted, and Self-Obsessed</i> by Alisa Childers
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Mama's Bank Account</i> , Katherine Forbes <i>The Robe</i> , Lloyd C. Douglas <i>Last Light</i> , Terri Blackstock <i>Voice in the Wind</i> , Francine Rivers <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> , James Herriot <i>Lord of the Rings</i> trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien <i>Signs of Life</i> by Creston Mapes
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent

TENTH GRADE

Required Reading

for ALL tenth graders: *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

(Honors English) *Fahrenheit 451* **and** *The Count of Monte Cristo*, abridged Alexandre Dumas
ISBN: 0553213504 (This is the version that will be tested. The unabridged version is approximately two times the length of this one.)

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</i> , Fee and Stewart <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> , Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski

A Cast of One, John Gentile

English	<i>Lost Horizon</i> , James Hilton <i>The Friendly Persuasion</i> , Jessamyn West <i>And Then There Were None</i> , Agatha Christie <i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i> , Frank Gilbreth, Jr. <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> , James Fenimore Cooper
History	<i>Meditations</i> , Marcus Aurelius <i>Augustine's Confessions</i> , Books (chapters) 1-10 <i>The Prince</i> , Niccolo Machiavelli <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Adam Smith <i>The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano</i> , Olaudah Equiano
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent

ELEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup

(AP English

Language) *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup **AND** *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>Kingdoms in Conflict</i> , Chuck Colson <i>To Walk and Not Faint</i> , Marva Dawn <i>The Old Testament Roots of Our Faith</i> , Paul and Elizabeth Achtemeier
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Richard Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i> , Thornton Wilder <i>The Call of the Wild</i> , Jack London <i>The Distance Between Us: A Memoir</i> , Reyna Grande <i>Dune</i> , Frank Herbert <i>Farewell, Four Waters</i> , Kate Mccord

Pudd'nhead Wilson, Mark Twain
The Thread That Runs So True, Jesse Stuart
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith

History	<i>Silent Night</i> , Stanley Weintraub <i>Winston Churchill</i> , John Keegan <i>March</i> , Book 1, 2, & 3, by John Lewis <i>The Jungle</i> , Upton Sinclair <i>With the Old Breed</i> , Eugene Sledge
History (Honors)	<i>Common Sense</i> , Thomas Paine <i>America's Great Depression</i> , Murray N. Rothbard <i>The Greatest Generation</i> , Tom Brokaw (10 Chapters, students choice) <i>Economics in One Lesson</i> , Henry Hazlitt
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent

TWELFTH GRADE

Required Reading:

English IV Required Reading:

Les Misérables by Victor Hugo: ISBN 0449300021

(Honors English)

English IV-AP Required Reading:

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ISBN 0449300021

Reading Like a Writer by Francine Prose

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>Simply Jesus</i> , N.T. Wright <i>Who Needs Theology? An Invitation to the Study of God</i> , Stanley J. Grenz and Roger E. Olson
Calculus	<i>Calculus Wars: Newton, Leibniz, and the Greatest Clash of All Time</i> , Jason Socrates Bardi
Capstone	<i>Untrustworthy: The Knowledge Crisis Breaking Our Brains, Polluting Our Politics, and Corrupting Christian Community</i> by Bonnie Christian <i>Saving Leonardo: A Call to Resist the Secular Assault on Mind, Morals, and Meaning</i> , Nancy Pearcey
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Constantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Abolition of Man</i> by C.S. Lewis <i>Christy</i> , Catherine Marshall <i>Dawn's Light</i> , Terri Blackstock

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Ivanhoe, Walter Scott
Lord Jim, Joseph Conrad
Lorna Doone, R.D. Blackmore
Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier
Return of the Native, Thomas Hardy
Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Thomas Hardy
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte

Govt./Econ *The Tragedy of American Compassion*, Marvin Olasky
 Faith in the Halls of Power by Michael Lindsay
 The Three Languages of Politics by Arnold Kling
 Human Action, Ludwig von Mises

Journalism *Telling the Truth*, Marvin Olasky

Football *Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story
 of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football*, Jim Dent

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