Covenant Christian Academy

Entering Seventh - Twelfth Grade Summer Reading List (2023)

Instructions:

- The first book under each grade is Required Reading (marked by an asterisk *).
- Choose one other book from the list below. Do not pick one that you have read before.
- An assessment on the required reading book will be administered at the first of the school year.
- Be prepared to discuss and/or write about the second book you choose.

Seventh Grade - English and Composition

*Redwall – Brian Jacques

The Call of the Wild - Jack London

Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes

Chains – Laurie Halse Anderson

When You Reach Me - Rebecca Stead

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer - Mark Twain

Hatchet - Gary Paulsen

Eighth Grade – English and Composition

*The Hiding Place - Corrie ten Boom

Little Women - Louisa May Alcott

Dragon's Gate - Laurence Yep

Ender's Game (Saga 1) - Orson Scott Card

Calico Joe – John Grisham

Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde - Robert Louis Stevenson

A Wrinkle in Time - Madeleine L'Engle

Around the World in 80 Days - Jules Verne

Animal Farm - George Orwell

Ninth Grade – English and Composition (♦ – Highly Recommended by Mr. Helton)

*To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

The Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams

Dracula – Bram Stoker

The Count of Monte Cristo – Alexandre Dumas

American Born Chinese - Gene Luen Yang

Much Ado about Nothing - William Shakespeare

Dandelion Wine - Ray Bradbury ◆

Fire - Kristen Cashore

Perelandra (book #2 in the three-part series) – C.S. Lewis ◆

Tenth Grade – English and Composition (♦ – *Highly Recommended by Mr. Helton*)

*Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury

Slaughterhouse-Five - Kurt Vonnegut

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen

Catch-22 – Joseph Heller

October Sky – Homer Hickham

Animal Farm – George Orwell

A Separate Peace – John Knowles

The Great Divorce – C.S. Lewis ◆

11th Grade – American Literature

*The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain

Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller

The Sun Also Rises - Ernest Hemingway

The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane

The Scarlett Letter - Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow – Washington Irving

Into the Wild – John Krakauer

AP US History

Additional Instructions: Read the required text. When we return to school, the teacher will assign written book reports for the summer reading.

For students taking AP US History, this will satisfy the second book for sophomore English

*Common Sense – Thomas Paine

Eleventh Grade - AP English Language

*The Education of Henry Adams – Henry Adams

1776 – David McCullough

Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive - Laura Hillenbrand

Sea Biscuit: An American Legend - Laura Hillenbrand

Into the Wild – Jon Krakauer

Tipping Point - Malcom Gladwell

The Sweet Science – A.J. Liebling

AP Government

Additional Instructions: Read the required texts and one additional text from the list. When we return to school, the teacher will assign presentations for the summer readings.

**The Federalist Papers* (10, 51, 70, and 78)

The Declaration of Independence

Articles of the Confederation

Brutus 1

Before You Vote - David Platt

The Constitution of the United States

Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Twelfth Grade – British Literature

*A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens

Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen

Return of the Native – Thomas Hardy

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

A Passage to India – E.M. Forster

Gulliver's Travels - Jonathan Swift

King Lear – William Shakespeare

AP English Literature

*1984 – George Orwell OR Brave New World – Aldous Huxley (only 1 is required)

Macbeth – William Shakespeare

Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky

The Handmaid's Tale - Margaret Atwood

Waiting for Godot - Samuel Beckett

House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

The Stranger – Albert Camus

The Color Purple – Alice Walker

To the Lighthouse – Virginia Wolfe

>Additional assignment: A PowerPoint or similar class presentation over both works will be assigned and discussed during the first week of school.