

Summer Reading 2010 – 11th/12th Grade

The summer reading program aims to foster students' love of reading and to continue building a solid foundation in the great literature of the world. Each year, students will read a combination of a required text and books chosen from the grade-level reading lists. They will prepare their brief written assignments and turn these in on the first day of classes. In the early days of the academic year, students will discuss and be given an assignment based on the required title(s). For each book, students should write a one-page report in any format (e.g. essay, review, letter, interview, diary entry, monologue). Include the following: brief plot summary; genre; setting and time period; main characters; themes; and your opinion of the book. Remember you are reviewing the book, not simply retelling the story. **These will be your first papers for your new English class.**

Due Date: First Day of School

Required Reading: ALL: *Silas Marner* by George Eliot
AND
One book from 11th/12th Choice List (on next page)

HONORS and AP: For *Through The Gates of Splendor* and *A Small Place*, instead of a report, keep a journal highlighting the writer's styles by commenting on quotes and passages (opinion of style, writing techniques, effective and flawed passages—at least one page per chapter). *Silas Marner* and the Choice List should still be in report form.

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AND
A Small Place by Jamaica Kincaid

11th/12th Grade Choice List

Choose one book that you have never read from the following list:

Fiction & Literature

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Nicholas Nickelby by Charles Dickens
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy
Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
Pilgrim's Regress by CS Lewis
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen
The Three Musketeers by Alexander Dumas
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
Andersonville by Mackinlay Kantor
The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Virgin: Prelude to the Throne by Robin Maxwell
The Other Boelyn Girl by Phillipa Gregory
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Elizabeth: The Golden Age by Tasha Alexander
As You Like It by William Shakespeare
King John by William Shakespeare
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
King Lear by William Shakespeare
The Merry Wives of Windsor by William Shakespeare
A Light in August by William Faulkner
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather
The Power and The Glory by Graham Greene
A Passage to India by EM Forster
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
The Hunchback of Notre Dame by Victor Hugo
Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
Agnes Grey by Anne Bronte
Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier
An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser

Non-Fiction

April Blood: Florence and the Plot Against the Medici by Lauro Martines

Fortune is a River: Leonardo Da Vinci and Niccolo Machiavelli's Magnificent Dream to Change the Course of Florentine History by Roger D. Masters

Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare by Stephen Greenblatt

Soul of the Age: A Biography of the Mind of William Shakespeare by Jonathan Bate

Christopher Marlowe: Poet and Spy by Park Honan

Mark Twain: A Life by Ron Powers

Civil War Curiosities: Strange Stories, Oddities, Events, and Coincidences by Webb Garrison

Fields of Honor: Pivotal Battles of the Civil War by Edwin C. Bearss

Andersonville: The Last Depot by William Marvel

A Quest for Godliness: The Puritan Vision of A Christian Life by J.I. Packer

The Rise of Evangelicalism: The Age of Edwards, Whitefield, and the Wesleys by Mark A. Noll

Mary Dyer: Biography of a Rebel Quaker by Ruth Talbot Plimpton

John Calvin: A Pilgrim's Life by H.J. Selderhuis

Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther by Roland Herbert Bainton

The Prince by Niccolo Machiavelli

John Adams by David McCullough

Hospital Sketches by Louisa May Alcott

Elizabeth: The Struggle for the Throne by David Starkey

Night by Elie Wiesel

Christian Fiction (of non-literature status) and Christian Non-Fiction

When the Heavens Fall by Gilbert Morris

Breathe by Lisa T. Bergren

Over the Mountains to Freedom by Lewis T. Rich

I Don't Have Enough Faith To Be An Atheist by Norman L. Geisler

The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief by Francis Collins

God and Government by Charles Colson

Paul Meets Muhammad by Michael Licona

Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala

The Principle of the Path by Andy Stanley

Dark Night of the Soul by St. John of the Cross

Chain Reaction: A Call To Compassionate Revolution by Steve Rabey

Crazy Love by Francis Chan

So Beautiful by Leonard Sweet

The Secrets of His Universe: Examining the Physics of Our World and Finding God by Richard L. Charette

The Science of God: The Convergence of Scientific and Biblical Wisdom by Gerald Schroeder

A Nation in Crisis: The Meltdown of Money, Government, and Religion by Larry Bates