

Summer Reading List for Rising 11th Graders

You are responsible for reading two of the following books this summer and **bringing your books to school on the first day of class**. One of the books you read must be *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. You are free to choose the second book, but please choose a book you have not read before. These books vary in length and reading level. Explore in a library or read book descriptions on a book seller's website to help you determine which books you will enjoy. Happy reading, and have a wonderful summer!

Literature

Pride and Prejudice or any novel by Jane Austen

Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo

The Sketchbook by Washington Irving

Any collection of short stories by Edgar Allan Poe

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The Narrative of Sojourner Truth by Sojourner Truth

Tom Sawyer, Puddn'head Wilson, or other stories by Mark Twain (We will read *Huckleberry Finn* as a class)

Country of the Pointed Firs by Sarah Orne Jewett

My Ántonia by Willa Cather

The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

True Grit by Charles Portis

Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Chosen or *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok

Cannery Row or other novels by John Steinbeck

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

My Life and Hard Times by James Thurber

Any play by William Shakespeare

Any collection of poems by an American poet. Consider Anne Bradstreet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, John Greenleaf Whittier, Edgar Allan Poe, Walt Whitman, Emily Dickinson, Carl Sandburg, Wallace Stevens, and Robert Frost

Fantasy and Mythology

The Lord of the Rings or the *Silmarillion* by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Ladies of Grace Adieu or *Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell* by Susanna Clarke

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Any collection of American Indian Mythology

Philosophy and Religion

Socratic Dialogues by Peter Kreeft (the *Socrates Meets...* series)

Four Loves by C.S. Lewis

Surprised by Joy by C.S. Lewis
The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Second Treatise of Government by John Locke
Common Sense by Thomas Paine

History and Historical Fiction

The Monsters: Mary Shelley and the Curse of Frankenstein, Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler
The Illustrious Dead, Stephan Talty
Darwin's Odyssey: The Voyage of the Beagle, Kevin Jackson
Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis
1776, John Adams, or others by David McCullough
Christy by Catherine Marshall
Turning Points, Mark Noll
The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington