

## Summer Reading List for Rising 12th 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 *A Canticle for Liebowitz* by Walter Miller. 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

*The Brothers Karamazov* by Fyodor Dostoevsky  
*Brideshead Revisited* by Evelyn Waugh  
*All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque  
*The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway  
*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway  
*The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene  
*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
*The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison  
*A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole  
*Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor  
*Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston  
*Passing* by Nella Larsen  
*A Canticle for Liebowitz* by Walter Miller  
*The Dispossessed* by Ursula LeGuin  
*The Chosen* or *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok  
*Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry  
*True Grit* by Charles Portis  
*Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner  
*Nineteen Eighty-Four* by George Orwell  
*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*Slaughterhouse-Five* by Kurt Vonnegut  
*Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller  
*The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams  
Any book from the Lord Peter Wimsey mysteries by Dorothy Sayers  
Any collection of poetry by Gerard Manley Hopkins, T.S. Eliot, Emily Dickinson, Walt Whitman, Robert Frost, and Thomas Merton

### Philosophy and Religion

*The Everlasting Man* or *Orthodoxy* by G.K. Chesterton  
*Surprised by Joy* or *The Abolition of Man* by C.S. Lewis  
Any collection of essays by Wendell Berry  
*Reason for God* by Timothy Keller  
*Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaardner

**Fantasy and Mythology**

*The Once and Future King* by T.H. White

*Out of the Silent Planet* (or other space trilogy books) by C.S. Lewis

*Rocannon's World*, by Ursula Le Guin (science fiction with a hint of mythology)

*Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke

**History and Historical Fiction**

*Battle Cry of Freedom* by James McPherson

*1776, John Adams*, or others by David McCullough

*The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuchman

*Citizen Soldiers* by Stephen Ambrose

*A Soldier of the Great War* by Mark Helprin

*The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara