

Southland Christian School
High School Suggested Summer Reading 2010

Each high school English class has required reading during the school year. Besides their literature text, each class reads one to two novels appropriate for that class. However, we have found that the more a person reads the better prepared he is for higher education and the better he will do in academic classes. Therefore, we encourage and reward summer and extracurricular reading. Below you will find a list of some suggested books for their selection.

This is only a short reading list of suggested books available. Our desire is for our students to develop positive reading habits and to realize the great advantage of being consistent readers, exposing themselves to a variety of subjects, styles and authors. There are many great books and authors that will appeal to high school students. Check with Mrs. Sparks if there is another book you wish to read that is not on this list.

****Required assignment for returning students:** To motivate reading, we are requiring that each student read one book during the summer break. The student will then write a book review of one to two typed pages in MLA format which includes a summary of the plot and a personal response to the book. These essays will be due by the end of the first week of school. The essay will count as a quiz grade. (Any additional books read and reported on will receive extra credit.) New students will be given an extended time frame to complete the assignment.

Contemporary Fiction

The Last Jihad or subsequent works by Joel Rosenberg
Redeeming Love or other works by Francine Rivers
Showdown by Ted Dekker
Night by Elie Wiesel
Julie by Catherine Marshall
A Walk to Remember by Nicolas Sparks or others
Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Christy by Catherine Marshall
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Bleachers by John Grisham
A Painted House by John Grisham
Blink of an Eye by Ted Dekker
Novels from The Mitford Series by Jan Karron

Timeless Favorites

House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Ben Hur by Lew Wallace
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Science Fiction/Fantasy

1984 by George Orwell
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Foundation Trilogy by Isaac Asimov (one of the three)
Out of the Silent Planet Trilogy by C.S. Lewis (one of the three)
Children of Hurin by J.R.R. Tolkien
Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury
The Lord of the Rings by J.R.R. Tolkien

Historical Fiction

Novels from the Savannah Quartet by Eugenia Price
1776 by David McCulloch
Dear and Glorious Physician by Taylor Caldwell
Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott
Treasure Island, Kidnapped, or Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson
Novels from the Zion Chronicles or Zion Covenant Series by Bodie Thoene
Novels from The Georgia Trilogy by Eugenia Price
A Voice in the Wind by Francine Rivers

Non-Fiction

Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller
Know What You Believe by Paul Little
I Kissed Dating Goodbye by Joshua Harris
Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis
Divine Nobodies by Jim Palmer
Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Flags of our Fathers by James Bradley
Same Kind of Different As Me by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

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