

Southland Christian School

High School Suggested Summer Reading 2008

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 they are for higher education and the better they 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. To motivate reading, the students can receive extra credit for their reading during the summer if they turn in a written summary of the book(s) they read at the beginning of the school year. These essays will be due by the end of the first week of school.

Contemporary Fiction

The Last Jihad by Joel Rosenberg
Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers
Showdown by Ted Dekker
Night by Elie Wiesel
Julie by Catherine Marshall
A Walk to Remember by Nicolas Sparks
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
The Mitford Series by Jan Karron
The Traveler's Gift by Andy Andrews

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
Out of the Silent Planet Trilogy by C.S. Lewis
Children of Hurin by J.R.R. Tolkien
Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury

The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkein

Historical Fiction

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

Zion Chronicles or Zion Covenant Series by Bodie Thoene

The Georgia Trilogy by Eugenia Price

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

Please Note: Different books are appropriate for and appeal to different ages and personalities. Please be guided by your own and parents' discretion in choosing these books. You may check www.amazon.com for a review of these books before reading if you have questions.

