



L E X I N G T O N L A T I N S C H O O L

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING

Summer is a wonderful time to read and add adventures of the imagination to whatever other summer adventures you have planned. We hope your home will be full of good books this summer. (See the expanded list below for many great options!) However, **each grade also has a *required* book** to serve as common reading for those students and a supplement to the English Literature curriculum.

While the idea of “required summer reading” might sound daunting, we’ve worked hard to choose captivating books that, while not lacking depth, are nonetheless very accessible without the guidance of a teacher or structure of a class. Our hope, therefore, is that these books could bring both delight and food for thought to your summer.

To turn that delight into 10 points in your Literature or English class, **fill out the attached form and give it to your teacher on the first day** of school. Happy reading!

REQUIRED READING:

- **7th** – *Story of the World: History for the Classical Child* and *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame
- **8th** – *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- **9th** – *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- **10th** – *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy
- **11th** - *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien
 Or *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- **12th** - *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Below you will find a list of recommended books. Some are good introductions to a time-period or theme that will be studied in the fall, but others are simply good books. Books with an asterisk (*) are ones a teacher in that grade has identified as a “must read” (as in a really good book, not mandatory); however, only the books above are *required*.

Dean's Choice:

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens

Persuasion by Jane Austen

Mr. Midshipman Hornblower by C.S. Forester

Rising 7th Grade:

**Story of the World: History for the Classical Child*

Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

Banner in the Sky by James Ramsey Ullmann

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Rising 8th and above:

The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead

Christy by Catherine Marshall

Dragon's Gate by Lawrence Yep

The Miracle Worker by William Gibson

The Arrow Over the Door by Joseph Bruchac

Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

Moccasin Trail by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Rising 9th grade and above:

**Julius Caesar* by John Buchan

**Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Narnia series by C.S. Lewis

Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling

The Explorations of Captain James Cook in the Pacific by James Cook

The Once and Future King by TH White

Le Morte d'Arthur by Thomas Malory

Rising 10th Grade and above:

Father Brown detective novels by G.K. Chesterton

Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas

The Brontës: A Life in Letters by Juliet Barker

Wuthering Heights by Charlotte Brontë

The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom

The Diary of Anne Frank

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

Rising 10th Grade and above (cont'd):

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Poetry of W.B. Yeats edited by Jonathan Allison
The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis

Rising 11th Grade and above:

**Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy
Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Clay's Quilt by Silas House
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington
The Deerslayer by James Fenimore Cooper
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

Rising 12th Grade and above:

**Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Quo Vadis: A Narrative of the Time of Nero by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Peter Pan by Jim Barrie
The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorn
The Great Meadow by Elizabeth Maddox Roberts
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry
Middlemarch by George Eliot



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SUMMER READING COMPLETION FORM

I _____ (student name) have completely read the required book for my class:

_____ (title) by _____ (author).

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Let us know about any other books you read this summer (from this list or otherwise).

Please give this form to your Literature or English teacher on the first day of class.