Summer Reading List 2017

High School

Below is Hopewell Academy's summer reading list for 2017. Select two and read before school starts in August. You can certainly read more selections. Then, during the first week of September, essay questions will be administered in class (for a grade) in order to verify that the books have been read and to further assess your literary, writing, and language skills.

Sample essay questions:
- Discuss how the central character evolves during the narrative. Be specific.
- Discuss the voice, tone, imagery, internal and external conflicts of the main character, and the point of view of the novel. Cite story examples for each literary term.
- Name and then explain two themes the author develops. Use proofs from the narrative.

The novels on the first list below have appeared most often on the English Advanced Placement Exam and are recommended for all high school students.

_Wuthering Heights_ by Emily Bronte
_Jane Eyre_ by Charlotte Bronte
_Moby Dick_ by Herman Melville
_Heart of Darkness_ by Joseph Conrad
_Billy Budd_ by Herman Melville
_Ceremony_ by Leslie Marmon Silko
_Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man_ by James Joyce
_Their Eyes Were Watching God_ by Z. N. Hurston

_Additional choices:

_The Blind Assassin_ by Margaret Atwood
_The Red Badge of Courage_ by Stephen Crane
_A River Runs Through It_ by Norman MacLean
_The Windtalkers_ by Max Allan Collins
_Gulliver's Travels_ by Jonathan Swift
_All the Pretty Horses_ by Cormac McCarthy
_And Then There Were None_ by Agatha Christie
_Shawshank Redemption_ by Stephen King

_A Tale of Two Cities_ by Charles Dickens
_A Light in August_ by William Faulkner
_Crime and Punishment_ by F. Dostoevsky
_Catch-22_ by Joseph Heller

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Middle School

Middle school selections are listed below. Choose two books to read. You can certainly read more than two. Finish both before you return/enter Hopewell in August. Then, during the first week of September be prepared to respond in writing during class to essay questions which will verify that you have read each and assess your writing, language, and literary skills.

Sample essay questions requiring approximately two-paragraph answers:
- Compare and contrast two characters in the novel using specific examples.
- What role did the setting and point of view play in the story? Cite specific examples.
- State two possible themes in the novel along with proofs and your reasoning.

The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
The Battle of the Labyrinth (Percy Jackson #4) by Rick Riordan
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night by Mark Haddon
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Call of the Wild by Jack Landon
Jungle Book (full version) by Rudyard Kipling
Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
I know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton
The Johnstown Flood by David McCulloughh
Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson

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