



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

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

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

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Beloved by Toni Morison

Cry the Beloved Country by Paton

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

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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 London

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 McCullough

Thunder Dog by Michael Hingson

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