

APPENDIX I
2023 SUMMER READING LIST*

ELEMENTARY

Required Reading

- 3rd Grade:** *The World According to Humphrey*, Betty G. Birney
4th Grade: *Restart*, Gordon Korman
5th Grade: *Because of Winn Dixie*, Kate DiCamillo

Suggested Reading (for extra credit)

- 3rd Grade:** *Dinosaurs Before Dark*, Mary Pope Osborne
 Jack Plank Tells Tall Tales, Natalie Babbitt
 Mummies in the Morning, Mary Pope Osborne
 Little House on the Prairie, Laura Ingalls Wilder
 Masterpiece, Elise Broach

*** 3rd grade students may choose 3 extra credit books to read from the list of 6 titles above.
Students will take an AR test over each book read upon returning to school in August for credit.

- 4th Grade:** *Smile*, Raina Telgemeier
 George's Marvelous Medicine, Roald Dahl
 Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling (Series)
 Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Rick Riordan (Series)
 The Westing Game, Ellen Raskin
 Swindle, Gordon Korman (Series)
 Super Gifted, Gordon Korman

Any 2023/2024 [Crown Award Nominee](#)

- 5th Grade:** *Prince Caspian*, C.S. Lewis
 From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler, E.L. Konigsburg
 Scumble, Ingrid Law
 Switch, Ingrid Law

4th & 5th grade students should complete an [Elementary Summer Reading Extra Credit Verification Form](#) for each book read upon returning to school in August for credit. Extra credit will be applied to 1st quarter grades.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SIXTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose **one** of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit.)

The 21 Balloons, William Pené duBois
Around the World in 80 Days, Jules Verne
Hatchet, Gary Paulsen (or any subsequent novels in the series)
Swiss Family Robinson, Johann Wyss
The Christmasaurus, Tom Fletcher
The Chronicles of Narnia Series, C.S. Lewis (Any book from the series will suffice).
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Roald Dahl
The Wild Robot, Peter Brown

SEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: (Choose **one** of the following novels to read over the summer break and be ready to write a critic's essay in class. Instructions on how to write a critic's essay will be given the first week of school. Additional novels may be read for extra credit.)

Tuck Everlasting, Natalie Babbitt
Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
The Series of Unfortunate Events Novels, Lemony Snicket (Any book from the series will suffice).
Holes, Louis Sachar
The Yearling, M.K. Rawlings
The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind, Byran Mealer and William Kamkwamba
Operation Do-Over, Gordon Korman
Anne of Green Gables Series by L.M. Montgomery
Call of the Wild by Jack London

EIGHTH GRADE

Required Reading: *Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution*, Avi

Extra Credit: (You must fill out a [Secondary Extra Credit Summer Reading Verification](#) form for each book)

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne
I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb (Young Readers and the original novel are acceptable)
In My Father's House, Ann Rinaldi
Across Five Aprils, Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Mark Twain
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

HIGH SCHOOL

NINTH GRADE

Required Reading: *The Hunger Games*, Susan Collins

Required Reading for Honors English: *The Hunger Games*, Susan Collins **and** *Out of the Silent Planet*, C.S. Lewis

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>Perelandra</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>That Hideous Strength</i> , C.S. Lewis <i>Live Your Truth and Other Lies: Exposing Popular Deceptions That Make Us Anxious, Exhausted, and Self-Obsessed</i> by Alisa Childers
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Mama's Bank Account</i> , Katherine Forbes <i>The Robe</i> , Lloyd C. Douglas <i>Last Light</i> , Terri Blackstock <i>Voice in the Wind</i> , Francine Rivers <i>All Creatures Great and Small</i> , James Herriot <i>Lord of the Rings</i> trilogy, J.R.R. Tolkien <i>Signs of Life</i> by Creston Mapes
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent

TENTH GRADE

Required Reading

for ALL tenth graders: *Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

(Honors English) *Fahrenheit 451* **and** *The Count of Monte Cristo*, abridged Alexandre Dumas
ISBN: 0553213504 (This is the version that will be tested. The unabridged version is approximately two times the length of this one.)

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth</i> , Fee and Stewart <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i> , Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Richard Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Konstantin Stanislavski

	<i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>Lost Horizon</i> , James Hilton <i>The Friendly Persuasion</i> , Jessamyn West <i>And Then There Were None</i> , Agatha Christie <i>Cheaper by the Dozen</i> , Frank Gilbreth, Jr. <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i> , James Fenimore Cooper
History	<i>Meditations</i> , Marcus Aurelius <i>Augustine's Confessions</i> , Books (chapters) 1-10 <i>The Prince</i> , Niccolo Machiavelli <i>The Wealth of Nations</i> , Adam Smith <i>The Interesting Narrative of the Life of Olaudah Equiano</i> , Olaudah Equiano
Journalism	<i>Telling the Truth</i> , Marvin Olasky
Football	<i>Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football</i> , Jim Dent

ELEVENTH GRADE

Required Reading: *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup

(AP English

Language) *12 Years a Slave*, Solomon Northup **AND** *David and Goliath*, Malcolm Gladwell

Extra Credit:

Bible	<i>Kingdoms in Conflict</i> , Chuck Colson <i>To Walk and Not Faint</i> , Marva Dawn <i>The Old Testament Roots of Our Faith</i> , Paul and Elizabeth Achtemeier
Drama	<i>Acting: the First Six Lessons</i> , Boleslavski <i>Respect for Acting</i> , Uta Hagen <i>An Actor Prepares</i> , Richard Stanislavski <i>A Cast of One</i> , John Gentile
English	<i>The Bridge of San Luis Rey</i> , Thornton Wilder <i>The Call of the Wild</i> , Jack London <i>The Distance Between Us: A Memoir</i> , Reyna Grande <i>Dune</i> , Frank Herbert <i>Farewell, Four Waters</i> , Kate Mccord

Pudd'nhead Wilson, Mark Twain
The Thread That Runs So True, Jesse Stuart
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Betty Smith

History *Silent Night*, Stanley Weintraub
Winston Churchill, John Keegan
March, Book 1, 2, & 3, by John Lewis
The Jungle, Upton Sinclair
With the Old Breed, Eugene Sledge

History (Honors) *Common Sense*, Thomas Paine
America's Great Depression, Murray N. Rothbard
The Greatest Generation, Tom Brokaw (10 Chapters, students choice)
Economics in One Lesson, Henry Hazlitt

Journalism *Telling the Truth*, Marvin Olasky

Football *Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story
of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football*, Jim Dent

TWELFTH GRADE

Required Reading: **English IV Required Reading:**
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo: ISBN 0449300021

(Honors English) **English IV-AP Required Reading:**
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo:
ISBN 0449300021
Reading Like a Writer by Francine Prose

Extra Credit:

Bible *Simply Jesus*, N.T. Wright
Who Needs Theology? An Invitation to the Study of God,
Stanley J. Grenz and Roger E. Olson

Calculus *Calculus Wars: Newton, Leibniz, and the Greatest Clash of All Time*, Jason Socrates
Bardi

Capstone *Untrustworthy: The Knowledge Crisis Breaking Our Brains, Polluting Our Politics, and
Corrupting Christian Community* by Bonnie Christian
*Saving Leonardo: A Call to Resist the Secular Assault on Mind, Morals,
and Meaning*, Nancy Pearcey

Drama *Acting: the First Six Lessons*, Richard Boleslavski
Respect for Acting, Uta Hagen
An Actor Prepares, Constantin Stanislavski
A Cast of One, John Gentile

English *Abolition of Man* by C.S. Lewis
Christy, Catherine Marshall
Dawn's Light, Terri Blackstock

The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde

Ivanhoe, Walter Scott

Lord Jim, Joseph Conrad

Lorna Doone, R.D. Blackmore

Rebecca, Daphne Du Maurier

Return of the Native, Thomas Hardy

Tess of the D'Urbervilles, Thomas Hardy

Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte

Govt./Econ *The Tragedy of American Compassion*, Marvin Olasky

Faith in the Halls of Power by Michael Lindsay

The Three Languages of Politics by Arnold Kling

Human Action, Ludwig von Mises

Journalism *Telling the Truth*, Marvin Olasky

Football *Twelve Mighty Orphans: The Inspiring True Story
of the Mighty Mites Who Ruled Texas Football*, Jim Dent

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