Below are examples of books high school students can read over the summer break. It is suggested that students read 3 or more books from differing genres, but the books need not be chosen from this list exclusively, as it is by no means exhaustive.

**Reading List Grades 9 - 12**

**Classics**

- Mark Twain, *Huckleberry Finn*
- Jane Austen, *Persuasion*
- John Steinbeck, *Of Mice and Men*
- John Steinbeck, *The Moon is Down*
- Sylvia Plath, *The Bell Jar*
- Louisa May Alcott, *Little Women*
- Louisa May Alcott, *A Long, Fatal Love Chase*
- Oscar Wilde, *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- Toni Morrison, *Beloved*
- Virginia Woolf, *To the Lighthouse*
- William Faulkner, *Light in August*
- Franz Kafka, *The Trial*
- Kurt Vonnegut, *Breakfast of Champions*
- William Shakespeare, *A Midsummer’s Night’s Dream*
- Cather, W. *My Antonia*
- Cooper, J. *The Last of the Mohicans*
- Dickens, C. *The Tale of Two Cities*
- Doyle, A. C. *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes*
- Dumas, A. *The Three Musketeers*
- DuMaurier, D. *Rebecca*
- Eliot, G. *Silas Marner*
- Hugo, V. *Les Miserables*
- London, J. *The Call of the Wild*
- Orwell, G. *Animal Farm*
- Pyle, H. *Robin Hood*
- Twain, M. *The Prince and the Pauper*

**Realistic Fiction**
- Maeve Binchy, *The Glass Lake*
- Amy Tan, *The Bonesetter’s Daughter*
- Barbara Kingsolver, *The Bean Trees*
- Amy Ehrlrich, *Where it Stops, Nobody Knows*
- Janet Fitch, *White Oleander*
- Joyce McDonald, *Swallowing Stones*
- Tom Robbins, *Still Life with Woodpecker*
- Tom Clancy, *Rainbow Six*
- Maeve Binchy, *Tara Road*
- Anita Shreve, *The Pilot’s Wife*
- Elizabeth Berg, *Open House*
- Trezza Azzopardi, *The Hiding Place*
- Elizabeth Berg, *What We Keep*
- Alice Hoffman, *Local Girls*

**Science Fiction & Fantasy**
- Ray Bradbury, *The Illustrated Man*
- Gail Carson Levine, *Two Princesses of Bamarre*
- J.R.R. Tolkein, *The Hobbit*
• Michael Crichton, *The Andromeda Strain*
• C. S. Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet*
• C. S. Lewis, *Perebundra*
• C. S. Lewis, *That Hideous Strength*
• J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Two Towers*
• Douglas Adams, *The Hitch Hiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*

**Mystery & Suspense**
• James Patterson, *First to Die*
• Agatha Christie, *Ten Little Indians*
• Stephen King, *The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon*
• Thomas Harris, *The Red Dragon*
• John Saul, *The Blackstone Chronicles*

**Historical Fiction**
• Neville Shute, *On the Beach*
• David McCullough, *The Brooklyn Bridge*
• David McCullough, *Pathway Between the Seas*
• Martin Goldsmith, *Inextinguishable Symphony*
• Philip Caputo, *A Rumor of War*
• Jeff Shaara, *Rise to Rebellion*
• Jung Chang, *Wild Swans: 3 Daughters of China*

**Memoir & Biography**
• David McCullough, *John Adams*
• Adeline Yeh Mah, *Falling Leaves*
Additional Reading Options

- Angelou, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
- Asimov, *Various works*
- Burns, *Cold Sassy Tree*
- Bradbury, *The Martian Chronicles*
- Cisneros, *Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories*
- Clark, *Childhood’s End*
- DeFoe, *Robinson Crusoe*
- Dickens, *Great Expectations*
- Dillard, *An American Childhood*
- Franklin, *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*
- Gaines, *A Gathering of Old Men*
- Gunther, *Death Be Not Proud*
- Hoffman, *Turtle Moon*
- Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Keyes, *Flowers for Algernon*
- Kincaid, *Annie John*
- Knowles, *A Separate Peace*
- Malamud, *The Natural*
- Morrison, *The Bluest Eye*
- Poe, *Short Stories*
- Rodriguez, *Hunger of Memory*
- Scott, *Ivanhoe*
- Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
- Stevenson, *Treasure Island*
• Stevenson, *Kidnapped*,
• Stone, *The Agony and the Ecstasy*
• Tan, *The Joy Luck Club*
• Tan, *A Thousand Secret Senses*
• Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*
• Wolfe, *This Boy's Life*