

## Reading List Grades 9 - 12



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.

### 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 Ehrlich, *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. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

Michael Crichton, *The Andromeda Strain*

C. S. Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet*

C. S. Lewis, *Peregrina*

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*

Haley, *Autobiography of Malcolm X*

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 for 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*