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Upper School Required Summer Reading List

Each summer, Westminster students are assigned summer reading in their humanities courses to supplement their reading from the previous school year, expose them to quality literature in the content area they will work through in the following year, and cultivate a love for reading. All required reading should be completed before the first day of classes and students should anticipate that the first week of classes in the courses listed below will use the required reading for discussions, writing assignments, and assessments.

Rising 7th Grade:

Humanities (Mr. Leithart): *The Golden Fleece*

ISBN: 978-0689868849

Bible (Mr. Wood): *Proverbs 10-30*

Rising 8th Grade:

Humanities (Mr. Ireland): *The Hobbit*

ISBN: 978-0618260300

Bible (Mr. Wood): *The Parables of Jesus*

Rising 9th Grade:

History and Literature (Mr. Cox and Mrs. Burch): *Peace Like a River*

ISBN: 978-0802139252

Bible (Mr. Canavan): Genesis 1-11 and Revelation 21-22

Rising 10th Grade:

History (Mr. Smith): *Poetry on the Ancients*

Literature (Mr. Ritch): *Out of the Silent Planet*

ISBN: 978-0743234900

Bible (Mr. Canavan): Exodus 1-20

Rising 11th Grade:

History (Mr. Roate): *Learning in Wartime*

Literature (Mr. Ritch): *Paralandra*

ISBN: 978-0743234917

Bible (Mr. Canavan): Psalm 139, John 1 and 14-17, Romans

Rising 12th Grade:

History and Literature (Mr. Cox and Mrs. Burch): *Things Fall Apart*

ISBN: 978-0385474542

Bible (Mr. Canavan): Acts and I Peter

NOTE: Each teacher in the content area above will communicate via email with parents and students how to think through the readings assigned over the summer. Sources listed above without an ISBN will be emailed to the rising grade level at the end of each school year.



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Additional Recommended Readings

While the required readings listed above will serve as a definite starting point for the course of study listed with each work, there are certainly many other great works to consider beyond what is required for summer coursework. The list of readings below, while certainly not exhaustive, may be approached as the “next step” for students who wish to read great literature beyond the required list above.

Rising Middle School (7th and 8th)

- *A Wrinkle in Time* (L’Engle)
- *The Princess and the Goblin* (MacDonald)
- *The Lost World* (Doyle)
- *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Lee)
- *Little Women* (Alcott)

Rising Underclassmen (9th and 10th)

- *The Lord of the Rings* (Tolkien)
- *Great Expectations* (Dickens)
- *A Separate Peace* (Knowles)
- *Huckleberry Finn* (Twain)
- *The Martian Chronicles* (Bradbury)

Rising Upperclassmen (11th and 12th)

- *Anna Karenina* (Tolstoy)
- *Brothers Karamazov* (Dostoevsky)
- *A Tale of Two Cities* (Dickens)
- *Pride and Prejudice* (Austen)
- *Wuthering Heights* (Bronte)
- *The Road* (McCarthy)
- *Gilead* (Robinson)
- *I, Robot* (Asimov)