

Upper School Summer Reading



2026-2027 Summer Reading requirements:

- ALL ENGLISH CLASSES ARE REQUIRED TO READ TWO NOVELS. In-class essays will be assigned to honors classes and comprehension tests will be given to all classes during the first week of class.

ALL 6th grade	
WONDER by R.J. Palacio 978-0375869020 summer project & comprehension test	The Magician's Nephew by C.S. Lewis 978-0064471107 in class writing and comprehension test
ALL 7th grade	
Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli 978-0316809061 Summer Project and in class writing prompt	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi 978-0545477116 comprehension test and in class writing
ALL 8th grade	
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien 978-0618260300 Students will complete the attached hero's journey packet for their summer reading project.	Freak, the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick– 978-0439286060 comprehension test and in class writing
ALL 9th grade	
Unbroken- Adapted for Young Adults by Laura Hillenbrand - 9780385742528 Comprehension Test	The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch 978-1401323257 In class essay
ALL 10th grade Standard and Honors	
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak 978-0375842207 978-0385474542 Comprehension Test	Old Man and the Sea by Hemingway 978-0684801223 in class essay and comprehension test
ALL 11th grade	
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen 978-0141439518 comprehension test and writing in-class essay	Grit by Angela Duckworth - 978-1501111112 Ted Talk Presentation during first 2 weeks
ALL 12th grade	
Long Way Gone – by Charles Martin 978-0718084738 Comprehension Test	Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte – 978-0141439556 Comprehension test and timed essay
AP Seminar 10th grade	
The Book Thief by Markus Zusak – 978-0375842207 Comprehension Test and timed essay	Educated (Part 1) by Tara Westover – 978-0399590528 Comprehension test and team-based presentation on Part 1 of the book
AP Language 11th grade	
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen – 978-0141439518 Comprehension test and timed essay	The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey – 978-1476764665 Comprehension test and team-based presentation

AP Literature 12th grade

Long Way Gone by Charles Martin
– 978-0718084738
Comprehension Test

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte
– 978-0141439556
Comprehension test and timed essay

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster – 978-0063307742
Read and annotate Chapters 1-10.

Projects are required for middle school grades. Directions were sent home from classroom teachers and are available on the CCA website.