

Summer Reading List

Tenth Grade

Pre-10th grade students are required to purchase your own copy of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain as well two other books from the list below to read. Essays from the books will be written during the school year.

REQUIRED BOOK

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

A young runaway boards a raft and sets off down the Mississippi, setting in motion a series of memorable adventures. Huck Finn and his loyal companion, the escaped slave Jim, form one of literature's greatest friendships.

BOOK CHOICES

1984 by George Orwell

This novel, published in 1949 as a warning about the menaces of totalitarianism, is set in an imaginary future world that is dominated by three perpetually warring totalitarian police states. The book's hero, Winston Smith, is a minor party functionary in one of these states. His longing for truth and decency leads him to secretly rebel against the government.

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Guy Montag is a fireman. In his world, where television rules and literature is on the brink of extinction, firemen start fires rather than put them out. His job is to destroy the most illegal of commodities, the printed book, along with the houses in which they are hidden.

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Set in England's Downs, a once idyllic rural landscape, this stirring tale of adventure, courage, and survival follows a band of very special creatures on their flight from the intrusion of man and the certain destruction of their home. Led by a stouthearted pair of brothers, they journey forth from their native Sandleford Warren through the harrowing trials posed by predators and adversaries, to a mysterious promised land and a more perfect society.

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

If you care for journeys there and back, out of the comfortable Western world, over the edge of the Wild, and home again, and can take an interest in a humble hero (blessed with a little wisdom and a little courage and considerable good luck), here is a record of such a journey and such a traveler. You will learn by the way much about trolls, goblins, dwarves, and elves, and get some glimpses into the history and politics of a neglected but important period, the ancient time between the age of Faerie and the dominion of men.

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

The young bride, the second Mrs. Maxim de Winter, arrived at this immense estate with a husband she barely knew, only to be inexorably drawn into the life of the first Mrs. de Winter, the beautiful Rebecca, dead but never forgotten, her suite of rooms never touched, her clothes ready to be worn, her servant -- the sinister Mrs. Danvers -- still loyal. So the second Mrs. de Winter began her search for the real fate of Rebecca and for the secrets of Manderley.

Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton

An astonishing technique for recovering and cloning dinosaur DNA has been discovered. Now humankind's most thrilling fantasies have come true. Creatures extinct for eons roam Jurassic Park with their awesome presence and profound mystery, and all the world can visit them—for a price. Until something goes wrong. . . .

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

In this suspenseful story of aspirations and moral redemption, humble, orphaned Pip, a ward of his short-tempered older sister and her husband Joe, is apprenticed to the dirty work of the forge but dares to dream of becoming a gentleman.