UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER 2011 READING LIST

Since a leader is a reader, this reading list is compiled in order to encourage students to read outside their comfort zone. Not only are the suggestions related to topics we've discussed or will be discussing, but the books will keep student minds challenged. They will also touch upon important themes as WHAT you choose to read will shape you much more significantly than merely the act of reading.

REQUIRED READING

Please read **one** of the following works listed under the appropriate grade level, one that you have not read before. Students will present work related to the reading during the first week of school.

Entering Logic 1 (7th Grade)

- *Do Hard Things*, Harris brothers *(think about your leadership/service role)*
- *Kidnapped*, R.L. Stevenson *(think about your character when facing challenges)*

Entering Logic 2 (8th Grade)

- *The Bronze Bow*, Speare *(historical fiction set during the time of Jesus)*
- *Jane Eyre*, Bronte *(she shows great strength of character in the face of challenge and disappointment).*

Entering Rhetoric 1 (9th Grade)

- *The Chosen*, Chaim Potok (this is a great story of friendship and the challenges of different religious beliefs as well as the importance of our fathers, set in New York during World War II. (Beware there is some teen swearing early in the book related to a baseball game—feel free to skip.)

Entering Rhetoric 2 through Rhetoric 4 (10th–12th Grades)

- *The Travels of Marco Polo*, a collaboration of Marco Polo with Rustichello of Pisa (read first as C.S. Lewis recommends it)
- *The Name of the Rose*, a mystery novel by Umberto Eco set in an abbey of the Middle Ages. "As you step into the abbey, watch carefully, avoid illusions, and seek the truth."

SUGGESTED SUMMER READING

Please note: For additional reading, please consider any authors listed as well as authors we read last year in class. Titles of this years' class reading are also listed for students who would like to 'read ahead.' In no way have we listed all the great lit—these just relate to topics and themes we've touched upon and so will deepen your understanding.

Entering Logic 1 (7th Grade)

- Landmark books (a history series)
- G.A. Henty books
- *Sergeant York and the Great War*, York & Skeyhill
- *Stonewall Jackson* or *Robert E. Lee* by J.J. Dwyer
- *Hound of the Baskervilles*, A.C. Doyle

To “get ahead” in your reading for the school year, feel free to read the following:

- *The Jungle Book* by Kipling
- *Treasure Island* by Stevenson
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by L’Engle
- *The Scarlet Pimpernel* by Orczy
- *By Right of Conquest* by Henty
- *Across Five Aprils* by Hunt
- *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

Entering Logic 2 (8th Grade)

- Landmark books (a history series)
- G.A. Henty books
- *Sergeant York and the Great War*, York & Skeyhill
- *Stonewall Jackson* or *Robert E. Lee* by J.J. Dwyer
- *Hound of the Baskervilles*, A.C. Doyle

To “get ahead” in your reading for the school year, feel free to read the following:

- *More than Dates and Dead People* by Mansfield (a nonfiction book)
- *Watership Down* by Adams
- *The Little Prince* by Saint-Exupery
- *Julius Caesar* by Shakespeare
- *The Human Comedy* by Saroyan
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Defoe

Entering Rhetoric 1 through Rhetoric 3 (9th-11th Grades)

- Books by G.A. Henty
- Plays by Shakespeare
- Father Brown series, Chesterton
- Any books by C.S. Lewis
- Scripture: New Testament
- *Table Talk* by Luther

To “get ahead” in your reading for the school year, feel free to read the following:

- *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin* by Franklin
- *Of Plymouth Plantation* by Bradford
- *Animal Farm* by Orwell
- *Old Man and the Sea* by Hemingway
- Scriptures: Old Testament minor prophets
- *Frankenstein* by Shelley
- *Tale of Two Cities* by Dickens
- *Gulliver’s Travels* by Swift
- *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerad
- *Killer Angels* by Shaara
- *Little Women* by Alcott
- *Pilgrim’s Progress* by Bunyan
- *Pride and Prejudice* by Austen
- *Tom Sawyer* by Twain
- *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Stowe

- The New *Foxes Book of Martyrs*

Entering Rhetoric 4 (12th Grade)

- Books by G.A. Henty
- Plays by Shakespeare
- Father Brown series, Chesterton
- Any books by C.S. Lewis or G.K. Chesteron
- Scripture: New Testament

To "get ahead" in your reading for the school year, feel free to read the following:

- *The City of God* by Augustine
- *The Fairie Queene* translated by Tolkien
- *The Divine Comedy* by Dante
- *Paradise Lost* by Milton
- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Hemingway
- *The Scarlet Letter* by Hawthorne
- *Huckleberry Finn* by Twain
- *My Name is Asher Lev* by Potok
- Short stories by Kipling
- *David Copperfield* by Dickens
- *Brave New World* by Huxley
- *The Wealth of Nations* by Smith