



LLS UPPER SCHOOL

Summer Reading

Summer is a wonderful time to read and add adventures of the imagination to whatever other summer adventures you have planned. We hope that your home will be full of good books this summer. (See the expanded list below for many great options!) However, **each grade will have a required book** to serve as common reading for those students and a supplement to the English Literature curriculum.

While the idea of “required summer reading” might sound daunting, we’ve worked hard to choose captivating books that, while not lacking depth, are nonetheless very accessible without the guidance of a teacher or structure of a class. Our hope, therefore, is that these books could bring both delight and food for thought to your summer. Happy reading!

REQUIRED READING:

- **7th** - *Story of the World* by Dorothy Mills
- **8th** - *Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- **9th** - *Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson
- **10th** - *Scarlet Pimpernel* by Baroness Orczy
- **11th** - *The Fellowship of the Ring* by J. R. R. Tolkien
- **12th** - *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry

FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Below you will find a list of books recommended by LLS Upper School teachers and from lists of “must reads” for young people. Some of the books are good introductions to a time-period or theme that will be studied in the fall, but others are simply good books. Books with an asterisk (*) are ones a teacher in that grade has identified as a must read (as in a really good book, not mandatory); however, only the books above are *required*.

Dean’s Choice:

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Rising 7th Grade:

**Story of the World: History for the Classical Child*
Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Rising 8th and above:

*The Lost World by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead
George Christy by Catherine Marshall
Dragon's Gate by Lawrence Yep
The Miracle Worker by William Gibson
The Arrow Over the Door by Joseph Bruchac
Banner in the Sky by James Ramsey
Ullman Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff
Moccasin Trail by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Rising 9th grade and above:

**Julius Caesar* by John Buchan
**Lord of the Flies* by William Golding
Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
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The Narnia series by C.S. Lewis
Captains Courageous by Rudyard Kipling
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
The Explorations of Captain James Cook in the Pacific by James Cook
The Once and Future King by TH White
Le Morte d'Arthur by Thomas Malory

Rising 10th Grade and above:

Father Brown detective novels by G.K. Chesterton
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead
Dragon's Gate by Lawrence Yep
Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Spy by Eric Metaxas
The Brontës: A Life in Letters by Juliet Barker
Wuthering Heights by Charlotte Brontë
The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom
The Diary of Anne Frank
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
The Poetry of W.B. Yeats edited by Jonathan Allison
The Space Trilogy by C.S. Lewis

Rising 11th Grade and above:

**Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy
Little Dorrit by Charles Dickens
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Les Misérables by Victor Hugo
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Clay's Quilt by Silas House
Up from Slavery by Booker T. Washington
The Deerslayer by James Fenimore Cooper
The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

Rising 12th Grade and above:

**Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Quo Vadis: A Narrative of the Time of Nero by Henryk Sienkiewicz
Peter Pan by Jim Barrie
The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorn
The Great Meadow by Elizabeth Maddox Roberts
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly
Jayber Crow by Wendell Berry
Middlemarch by George Eliot