



Summer Reading for Students Entering Tenth Grade

We are excited that you will be coming to Westminster in the fall. Students are required to complete a summer reading assignment, and you will find the information below. Reading can take you to new worlds. We hope you discover wonderful places this summer.

This summer, you are to read a total of 3 books:

the required reading (*The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle)

a book from the attached list

a book of your choice (per your parents' approval).

There is no summer writing assignment; however, please note the following:

1. On the attached reading verification form, you should list the title and author of the book you chose from the list and the title and author of the book of your choice. Parents should sign the form indicating that you have read the 2 books listed. This form is to be handed in on the first day of school.
2. On the second day of school, you will have a short comprehension test on the required reading. You will be tested on the plot of the novel, on your understanding of the events and the characters in the novel, as well as the major conflicts illustrated in the story. If you read the required book early in the summer, you will want to review before the test. You do not need a copy of the novel on test day.*
3. On the third day of school, you will participate in a class "book chat" in which you will have the opportunity to share and discuss the additional books you read. The preparation needed for the book chat will be discussed with you on the first day of school. Please bring the novels you chose to read with you on "book chat" day if possible. .

*As stated above, having a copy of the required reading novel is not necessary on test day. However, having a copy of your chosen novels on "book chat" day will be helpful. If you check your books out from a public library and will have returned them before school begins, you should jot down a favorite passage from the novel prior to returning the book, so you can share this passage with your class during group discussion.

Late Registering Students:

*Students registering after July 15 are responsible for the required book only.

TITLE: *You may read any book in the series. **You may read any book by this author
***Any age appropriate biography or autobiography is acceptable.

Adventures of Sherlock Holmes: The: Arthur Conan Doyle
All the Light We Cannot See: Anthony Doerr
All Quiet on the Western Front: Erich Maria Remarque
Book Thief, The: Markus Zusak
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court: A: Mark Twain
Counte of Monte Cristo: Alexander Dumas
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde: Robert Louis Stevenson**
Dracula: Bram Stoker
Fahrenheit 451: Ray Bradbury**
Frankenstein: Mary Shelley
Go Set a Watchman: Harper Lee
Grapes of Wrath, The: John Steinbeck
Help, The: Kathryn Stockett
Iliad, The: Homer
In Cold Blood: Truman Capote
Killer Angels: Michael Sahara
Lord of the Flies: William Golding
Lord of the Rings, The*: J.R.R Tolkien**
Martian Chronicles, The: Ray Bradbury**
Master and Commander: Patrick O'Brien
Media: Euripides (Greek Drama)
My Antonia: Willa Cather
My Cousin Rachel: Daphne de Maurier
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas: Frederick Douglas
Nineteen Eighty Four: George Orwell
Out of the Silent Planet*: C.S. Lewis**
Pilgrim's Progress, The: John Bunyan
Rebecca: Daphne DeMaurier
Robinson Crusoe: Daniel Defoe
Scarlet Pimpernel, The: Orcyz, Baroness Emmaska
Separate Peace, A: John Knowles
Silver Chalice, The: Thomas B. Costain
Tale of Two Cities, A: Charles Dickens**
Taliesin: Stephen Lawhead**
Through Gates of Splendor: Elizabeth Elliot
Time in Between, The: Duenas, Maria
Turn of the Screw, The: Henry James
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea: Jules Verne
Unbroken: Laura Hillenbrand
Uncle Tom's Cabin: Harriet Beecher Stowe
Undaunted Courage: Stephen Ambrose
War of the Worlds: H.G. Wells

READING VERIFICATION FORM

This form is due the first day of school.

1. I read the following book from the WCA Summer Book List.

TITLE

AUTHOR

2. I read the following book as my book-of-choice for summer reading.

TITLE

AUTHOR

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____