



## Summer Reading for Students Entering 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Pearl* by John Steinbeck)
- a book from the attached list
- a book of your choice (per your parents' approval).

**Please Note:** Any book read over the summer to complete the summer reading requirement counts for summer reading only, not for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade AR or for 9<sup>th</sup> grade IR.

1. On the attached reading verification form, please 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 **and** students should sign the form indicating that the student has read the 2 books listed in their entirety and that the student has not read the books before. This form is to be handed in on the **first day of school**.

2. On the **third day of school**, you will have a comprehension test on the required reading. You will be tested on the plot of the novel and on your understanding of the events in the novel. 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 **fourth 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 in class. Having the book with you during the book chat will be helpful though it is not required.

\*As stated above, having a copy of the required reading novel is not necessary on test/book chat day. Therefore, feel free to download books onto e-readers or even take advantage of audio books. Just keep in mind with audio books that students may need to review in order to prepare for the test and/or book chat.

Late Registering Students:

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

## WESTMINSTER CHRISTIAN ACADEMY SUMMER BOOK LIST

### Students Entering 9th Grade

Below is a list of all sorts of book genres, various reading levels, and books that will appeal more to boys, more to girls, and to both equally. Read the book jacket; look up the book online. Choose with discretion so the experience is a good one!

Choose 1 of the following books. Record the book title and author on the attached reading verification form. Do **not** choose a book you have already read! **In addition to this list, any age appropriate biography is acceptable as a “book from the WCA list.”**

\*Any book in this series is acceptable

\*\*Any book by this author is acceptable.

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
<i>Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The</i>	Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan
<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	Remarque, Erich Maria
<i>All Creatures Great and Small*</i>	Herriot, James
<i>Black Arrow, The</i>	Stevenson, Robert Lewis**
<i>Boys in the Boat, The</i>	Brown, Daniel
<i>Clockwork Three, The</i>	Kirby, Matthew
<i>Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court</i>	Twain, Mark
<i>Deadline.* (Ollie Chambers Series)</i>	Alcorn, Randy
<i>Death on the Nile</i>	Christie, Agatha**
<i>Deep Enough for Ivory Bills</i>	Kilgo, James
<i>Diary of Anne Frank, The</i>	Frank, Anne
<i>Dust Bowl Diary, The</i>	Low, Anne Marie
<i>Eighty-Dollar Champion, The</i>	Letts, Elizabeth
<i>Every Single Second</i>	Springstubb, Tricia
<i>Fellowship of the Rings, The*</i>	Tolkien, J. R. R.**
<i>Hood*</i>	Stephen Lawhead**
<i>In Greek Waters: The Story of the Grecian War of Independence</i>	Henty, G. A.**
<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>	Verne, Jules**
<i>Killer Angels, The</i>	Sharaa, Michael
<i>Left Behind*</i>	LaHaye, Tim & Jenkins, Jerry
<i>List, The</i>	Whitlow, Robert**
<i>Martian Chronicles, The</i>	Bradbury, Ray**

<i>Maud</i>	Fishbane, Melanie
<i>Mindwar*</i>	Klaven, Andrew
<i>Night</i>	Wiesel, Elie
<i>Pecan Man, The</i>	Selleck, Cassie Dandridge
<i>Out of the Silent Planet</i>	Lewis, C.S. **
<i>Rebecca</i>	DuMaurier, Daphne
<i>Scarlet Pimpernel, The.</i>	Orcyz, Baroness Emmaska
<i>Seabiscuit</i>	Hillenbrand, Laura
<i>Silver Chalise, The</i>	Costain, Thomas B.
<i>Someone Named Eva</i>	Wolf, Joan
<i>Swiss Family Robinson, The</i>	Wyss, Johann David
<i>Taliesin* (The Pendragon Cycle)</i>	Lawhead, Stephen**
<i>The Time in Between</i>	Duenas, Maria
<i>Three Musketeers, The</i>	Dumas, Alexandre**
<i>Through Gates of Splendor</i>	Elliot, Elizabeth
<i>Time Machine, The</i>	Wells, H. G.**
<i>Watership Down</i>	Adams, Richard
<i>What She Left Behind</i>	Ellen Marie Wiseman

## READING VERIFICATION FORM

**This form is due on the first day of school.**

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

TITLE

AUTHOR

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

TITLE

AUTHOR

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3. Circle the title of the book you would prefer to discuss during the book chat. Your preference is taken into consideration, but not guaranteed.

**By signing your name below, you are affirming**

- 1. that you read the above books in their entirety and**
- 2. that the above titles are both books you have not read before.**

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_