

## ***Summer Reading***

***(An updated list of the attached books can be found on [vcschools.org](http://vcschools.org) [search Summer Reading] in June)***

1. You can read up to TWO (2) books for up to 10 points of extra credit each. The reading lists for each class can be found on **Summer Reading List** through [vcschools.org](http://vcschools.org). (Just type Summer Reading List in the search box).
2. For each book, you need to turn in a typed, double-spaced book review that discusses the following:
  - What do you think the author was trying to get across to his/her readers?
  - Discuss some events in the book that show the author's message.
  - Discuss some of the main character's/s' actions that show the author's message.
  - Please be sure to put your name, the title of the book and the author on top.

**This needs to be completed by the first Friday of the school year.**

**Returning 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade: You will need to run this through the Summer Reading Turnitin Canvas assignment the first week of school in order to receive credit.**

**New Students (including 9<sup>th</sup> grade): Please type these and hand in to your English teacher by the first Friday.**

### **Freshman Reading List**

Crew, Linda: *Children of the River*  
Keyes, Daniel: *Flowers for Algernon*  
Le Guin, Ursula: *The Earthsea Series*  
Anderson, Laurie Halse: *Speak*  
Oates, Joyce Carol: *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*  
Griffin, Adele: *Sons of Liberty*  
Greene, Bette: *Summer of My German Soldier*  
Auch, Mary Jane: *Ashes of Roses*  
Cooper, Susan: *The Dark is Rising*  
Sebestyen, Ouida: *Words By Heart*  
Kennedy, John Fitzgerald: *Profiles in Courage*  
Taylor, G.P.: *Shadowmancer*  
Hunt, Irene: *Across Five Aprils*  
Schmidt, Gary: *Trouble*  
Kidd, Sue Monk: *The Secret Life of Bees*  
Riordan, Rick: *Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*  
Conde, Allyson: *Matched or Crossed*  
Grisham, John: *Bleachers*  
Kwok, Jean: *Girl in Translation*  
Paolini, Christopher: *Eragon*  
Hannah, Kristin: *Nightingale*

### **Sophomore Reading List**

Karon, Jan: Any of her novels—start with *At Home in Mitford*  
Kingslover, Barbara: *The Bean Trees*  
Dunn, Mark: *Ella Minnow Pea*  
Kohn, Rebecca: *Gilded Chamber*  
Martinez, Victor: *Parrot in the Oven Mi Vida*  
Katz, Jon: *Geeks: How Two Boys Rode the Internet out Idaho*  
Pelzer, David: *A Child Called It*  
Albom, Mitch: *For One More Day: Have a Little Faith*  
Meyer, Carolyn: *The Bad Queen*  
Alexander, Robert: *The Kitchen Boy*  
DeLan Pena, Matt: *We Were Here*  
Smith, Alexander McCall: any  
Stein, Garth: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*  
Baldacci, David: *Wish You Well*  
Anonymous: *Go Ask Alice*  
Anderson, Laurie Halse: *The Impossible Knife of Memory*  
Jordan-Lake, Joy: *Blue Hole Back Home*  
Magoon, Kekla – *The Rock and the River*  
Sepetys, Ruta: *Between Shades of Gray*

### **Junior Reading List**

Grisham, John: *The Testament*  
Potok, Chaim: *The Chosen*  
Donnelly, Jennifer: *A Northern Light*  
Uys, Errol Lincoln: *Riding the Rails*  
Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki: *A Farewell to Manzanar*  
Swanson, James: *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*  
Larson, Erik: *Devil in the White City*  
Shaffer, Mary: *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*  
Bernstein, Harry: *The Invisible Wall*  
Ford, Jamie: *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*  
Calcinas, Eduardo: *Leaving Glorytown*  
Magoon, Kekla: *The Rock and the River*  
Dallas, Sandra: *Tallgrass*  
Otsuka, Julie: *When the Emperor was Devine*  
Wright, Jason: *Seventeen Second Miracle*  
Eggers, David: *Zeitoun*  
Dau, Stephen: *The Book of Jonas*  
Ford, Jamie: *Songs of Willow Frost*

### **Senior Reading List**

Austen, Jane: *Pride and Prejudice*; *Emma*  
Achebe, Chinébe: *Things Fall Apart*  
Bronte, Charlotte: *Wuthering Heights*  
Irving, John: *A Prayer for Owen Meany*  
L'Engle, Madeline: *A Live Coal In the Sea*  
Orwell, George: *1984*  
Vreeland, Susan: *Girl in Hyacinth Blue*  
Wilde, Oscar: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*  
Clarke, Arthur C.: sci-fi: 2001: *A Space Odyssey*  
Sayers, Dorothy: *Gaudy Night* (mystery)  
Herbert, Frank: *Dune*  
Lewis, C.S.: *Til We Have Faces*  
Eggers, David: *What is the What?*  
Kidder, Tracy: *Mountains Beyond Mountains*  
Wroblewski, David: *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*  
Oates, Joyce Carol: *We Were the Mulvaney's*  
Hosseini, Khaled: *Thousand Splendid Suns*  
Mortenson, Greg: *Three Cups of Tea*  
Kingslover, Barbara: *The Poisonwood Bible*  
Waugh, Evelyn: *Brideshead Revisited*  
Lewis, C.S.: *Out of the Silent Planet*; *The Great Divorce*  
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia: *Chronicle of a Death Foretold*  
Stoker, Bram: *Dracula*  
Wells, H.G.: *The Time Machine*  
Greene, Graham: *The Power and the Glory*