

## High School Required Reading

Listed below are the reading requirements for all students entering 9th - 12th grades. Reporting instructions for each of the required books are listed below. Have a great summer and get a head start on your reading. Pacing yourself will allow ample time for completion of the required books. **Assignments are due the second week of school.**

### 9th grade

*The Martian Chronicles*, Ray Bradbury

Assignment: Keep a journal of your thoughts as you read the work. Compare what is going on in the book with what is going on in the world today.

*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury

Assignment: Write a 2 – 3 page paper indicating what the world would be like if there were no books to read. What would become of society? How would we read our Bibles? Do you think that there will be a time when it will actually be illegal to have free thought?

### 10th grade

Read *The Lord of the Rings* by J. R. R. Tolkien.

Assignment: Write a 1 – 2 page summary of each of the following characters: Frodo Gandalf, Aragorn, and Sam. Discuss how each of them could be seen as a representation of Jesus Christ.

Read either *The Iliad* or *The Odyssey* by Homer.\*

Assignment: Write a 2 page character analysis of either Achilles, Hector, or Odysseus. Use examples from the book read to support your analysis. \*The teacher recommends the translation by Richard Lattimore; however any translation is acceptable.

Read two (2) of the *Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Assignment: Write a two-page summary about each case read.

**Honors:** One of the Sherlock Holmes stories must be *The Hound of the Baskervilles*.

### 11th grade

Read the essay "Nature" by Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Assignment: Write a 1-2 page summary outlining three things you find wrong with Emerson's views about nature, God, and Christianity.

Read *Ben-Hur*, Lew Wallace.

Assignment: Write a commentary on the title: How is this book correctly called a "Tale of the Christ"?

Read either *Tom Sawyer* or *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain.

Assignment: Write a character analysis of the title character of the book read.

**Honors:** Read either *The Deerslayer* or *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper.

Assignment: Write a character analysis of the Deerslayer/Hawkeye/Natty Bumppo.

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### **12th grade**

*Hamlet* – the play

*Hamlet* – the movie

Assignment: Write a two-paged paper comparing and contrasting the similarities and differences between the movie and the play. Direct citations and quotes from the play must be included when using the book as a comparison.

*The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis

Assignment: Write a paper on the tactics that Satan uses to cause man to fall. The use of scripture is absolutely mandatory. References from C. S. Lewis' work must also be cited.