



Summer Reading 2024

The faculty and administration of Presbyterian Christian School believe that reading is of incomparable benefit to the student and should, therefore, continue during the summer. Reading provides exposure to experiences and ideas beyond those of everyday life and thus offers opportunities for enjoyment and intellectual growth. In addition, reading is extremely valuable in improving comprehension and vocabulary and, consequently, is important in preparing students for college entrance examinations as well as for college work itself.

Reading is an important element in a quality education. The ability to read well is critical for the personal growth and development needed to be all God wants us to be in this life. In keeping with PCS's goal of excellence, the high school requires that students enrolled in grades 7-12 make reading part of their summer plans. **Students may purchase the books from the book source of their choice.** Used books are widely available through internet sources and sometimes offer considerable savings. In an effort to promote a deeper understanding of the texts, the school requirements for summer reading include taking a test. Test dates will vary by teacher. Some tests will be administered the first full week of school. All tests will be administered within the first two full weeks of the year. The following pages detail the books for each grade. Please let the office know if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,
M. Keith Rice, Ed.D
Assistant Head of School for Academics

PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS Grades 7-12

Summer Reading Grade

This grade counts as a **test** score.

Read the assigned texts in an **unabridged** edition.

TEST = 100% of the summer reading grade.

Test dates will vary according to the course and teacher.

Be prepared!

Some courses will require that tests are taken the first full week of school!

All tests will be completed no later than August 26.



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HANDWRITTEN Notes: OPTIONAL but RECOMMENDED

We suggest that you use a spiral or a 3-ring notebook for your notes if you decide to take notes. In order for you to use these notes on your reading tests, they must be **your own handwritten** notes.

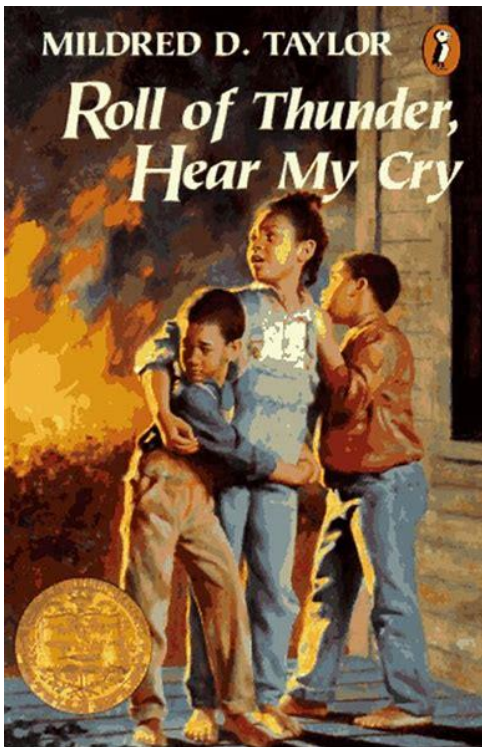
1. Keep a character list
 - List the character
 - While reading, write BRIEF phrases that identify those characters that you find important or interesting.
 - As you continue reading through the novel, biography, or autobiography, **add** to your character identification phrases. Sentences are not necessary. Your phrases are mind-joggers.
 - Some students find it helpful to list page numbers with some of the phrases.
2. Write a **short** chapter summary for each chapter.
Writing chapter summaries is an opportunity to practice concise prose! (Try bullet points!)

Note taking is a tool!

Remember: You can use your **handwritten notes** on your summer reading test.



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7th GRADE

ALL 7th GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES

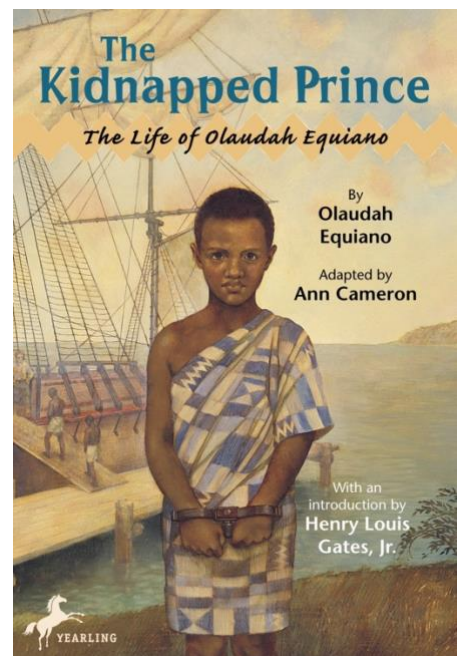
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

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ALL 7th GRADE HISTORY CLASSES

The Kidnapped Prince: The Life of Olaudah Equiano
(by Olaudah Equiano)
adapted by Ann Cameron

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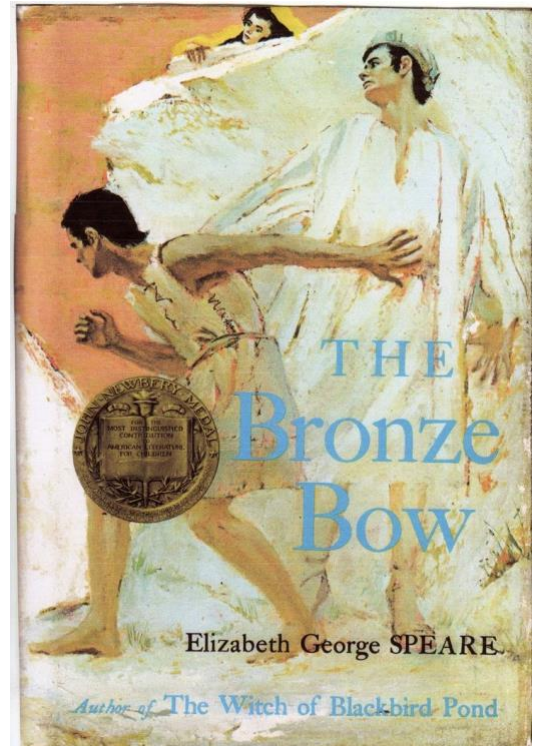
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8th GRADE

ALL 8th GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES

The Bronze Bow
Elizabeth George Speare

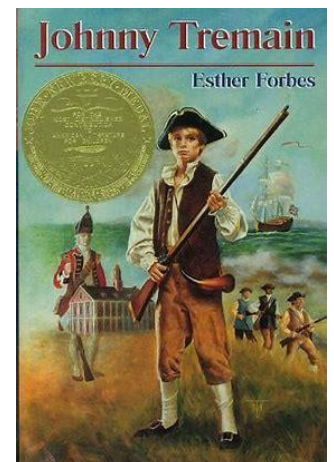
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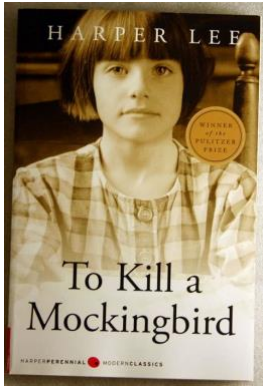
ALL 8th GRADE HISTORY CLASSES



Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes



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9th GRADE

ALL 9th GRADE ENGLISH CLASSES

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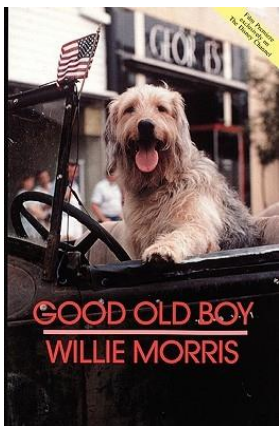
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee



“You never understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it.”

- Atticus Finch, *To Kill A Mockingbird*

ALL 9th GRADE HISTORY CLASSES



Good Old Boy:
A Delta Boyhood by Willie Morris

Careful! The assignment is ***Good Old Boy***.
Do not purchase ***My Dog Skip*** for this summer
reading assignment.

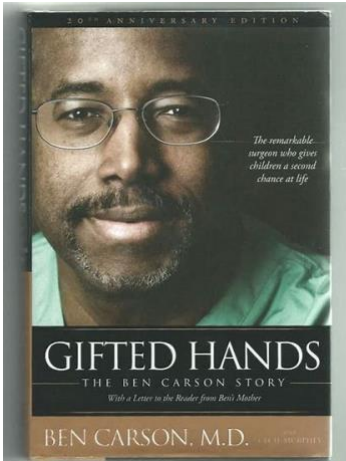


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10th GRADE

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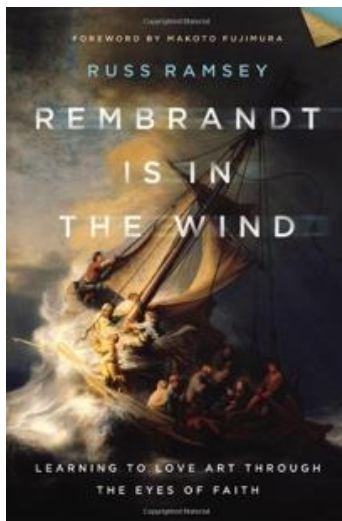
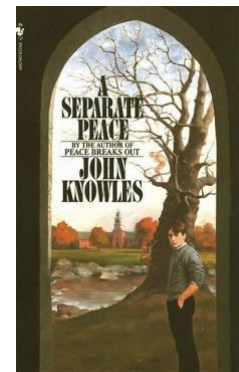
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English

10th Grade English, **Regular** Classes
Gifted Hands by Ben Carson

10th Grade English, **Honors** Classes
Gifted Hands by Ben Carson
A Separate Peace by John Knowles



History 10th ALL Classes

10th Grade History, **ALL** Classes
Rembrandt Is in the Wind by Russ Ramsey

World History: Read chapters 1-5 and **ALL** appendices.

AP European History: read the entire book.

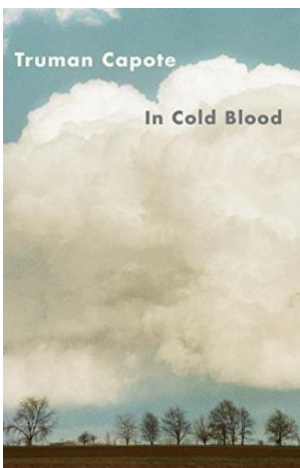
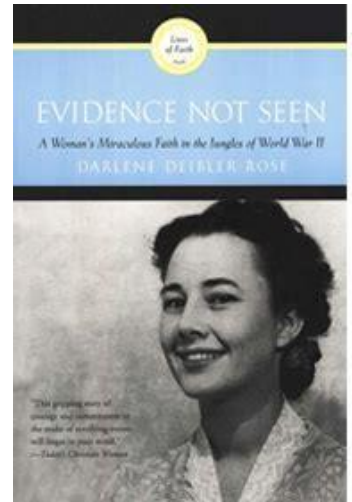
Note: The hardback version of this book is a bit expensive. However, students may purchase a Kindle or other ebook version at a very low price.

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11th GRADE

English

11th Grade English, **Regular** Classes
Evidence Not Seen Darlene Diebler Rose

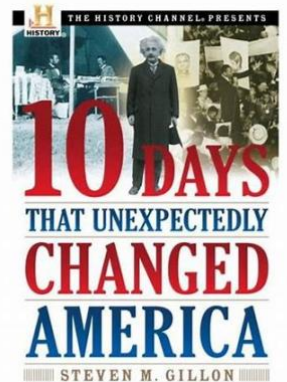


11th Grade English, **Honors** Classes
Evidence Not Seen Darlene Diebler Rose
All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

11th Grade English, **AP English Language**
Evidence Not Seen Darlene Deibler Rose
In Cold Blood Truman Capote

History ALL CLASSES

10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America by Steven M. Gillon



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12th GRADE

English

12th Grade English, **Regular** Classes

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

Note: *Unbroken* contains some graphic scenes of deprivation and torture

12th Grade English, **Honors** Classes

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand

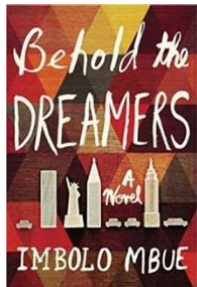
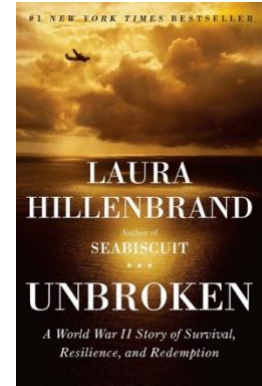
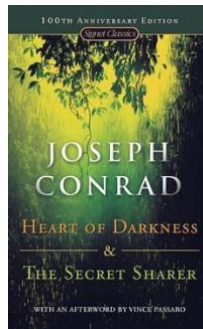
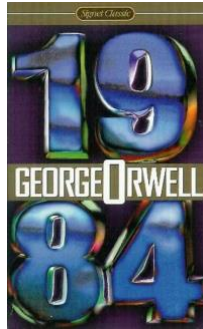
1984 by George Orwell

12th Grade English, **AP Lit** Classes

Things Fall Apart Chinua Achebe

Heart of Darkness Joseph Conrad
The Signet edition is on the PCS website

Behold the Dreamers Imbolo Mbue



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ALL Government

Students are required to read America's Founding Documents:

- The Declaration of Independence,
- The U.S. Constitution,
- & The U.S. Bill of Rights.

All three documents can be accessed through the National Archives at <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>, then click "read the transcript" below each document.

