

# HIGHLAND CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

## HIGH SCHOOL SUGGESTED SUMMER READING 2017

Each high school English class has required reading during the school year. Besides their literature text, each class reads one to two novels appropriate for that class. However, we have found that the more a person reads, the better prepared he is for higher education and the better he will do in academic classes. Therefore, we encourage and reward summer and extracurricular reading. Below you will find a list of some suggested books for student selection. There are many great books and authors that will appeal to high school students. Most of these books can be found in the public library.

**\*\*Required assignment for returning students:** To motivate reading, we are requiring that each student read two books during the summer break. The student will then write a book review of each one with two typed pages in MLA format which includes a summary of the plot, characters, and setting along with a personal response to the books. *These essays will be due by the end of the first week of school.* (Any additional books read and reported on will receive extra credit.)

Some works are better suited for older students; therefore, the works marked with an asterisk are recommended for older readers or at the discretion of parents. (You may check [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for a review of these books before reading if you have questions.)

### Contemporary Fiction

\*The Last Jihad or other works by Joel Rosenberg  
\*Redeeming Love or other works by Francine Rivers  
\*Showdown by Ted Dekker  
Night by Elie Wiesel  
Julie by Catherine Marshal  
A Walk to Remember by Nicholas Sparks  
Their Eyes were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston  
Christy by Catherine Marshall  
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou  
Bleachers by John Grisham  
Blink of an Eye by Ted Dekker  
\*A Painted House by John Grisham  
Novels from the Mitford series by Jan Karron  
\*A Righteous Wind by Janice Daugharty  
\*Heir to the Everlasting by Janice Daugharty  
Jimmy by Robert Whitlow  
Negotiator (O'Malley Series) by Dee Henderson  
The Last Night by Terrie Blackstock

The Color Purple by Alice Walker  
All the Light We Cannot See by  
Anthony Doerr  
Bluefish by Pat Schmatz  
House Rules by Jodi Picoult

### Timeless Favorites

\* House of Seven Gables  
by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest  
Hemingway  
\*Wuthering Heights by  
Emily Bronte  
\*Count of Monte Cristo by  
Alexander Dumas  
\*Les Miserables by Victor Hugo  
\*Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

## Timeless Favorites (continued)

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

\*Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

\*Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

\*The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

\*Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck

Ben Hur by Lew Wallace

\*The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Ann Frank: Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank

Rebecca by Daphne du Maurier

Freckles by Gene Stratton Porter

A Girl of the Limberlost by Gene Stratton Porter

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

## Science Fiction/Fantasy

\*1984 by George Orwell

\*Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis

Voyage of the Dawn Treader by C. S. Lewis

Children of Hurin by J. R. R. Tolkien

War of the Worlds by H. G. Wells

Enders Game by Orson Scott Card

Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

Rendezvous with Rama by Arthur C. Clarke

## Historical Fiction

Novels from the Savannah Quartet by Eugenia Price

1776 by David McCulloch

Dear and Glorious Physician by Taylor Caldwell

Great Lion of God by Taylor Caldwell

A Pillar of Iron by Taylor Caldwell

I, Judas by Taylor Caldwell

No One Hears but Him by Taylor Caldwell

Treasure Island, Kidnapped, or Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Novels from the Zion Chronicles or Zion Covenant Series by Bodie Thoene

Ivanhoe by Sir Walter Scott

Novels from The Georgia Trilogy

by Eugenia Price

A Lantern in Her Hand by

Bess Streeter Aldrich

The Maisie Dobbs series by

Jacqueline Winspear

## Non-Fiction

\*Blue Like Jazz by Donald Miller

Know What You Believe by Paul Little

I Kissed Dating Goodbye by

Joshua Harris

\*Mere Christianity by

C. S. Lewis

Divine Nobodies by Jim Palmer

\*Cost of Discipleship by

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Flags of our Fathers by

James Bradley

Same Kind of Different As Me by

Ron Hall and Denver Moore

We've Got a Job by Cynthia

Levinson

From the Barrio to the Boardroom

By Robert Pentheria

Confessions – Augustine

American Evangelical Story The

by Douglas Sweeney

Knowing God by Ji Packer

