

11th and 12th Grade Suggested Literature List



Required Summer Reading novels and accompanying assignments can be found on the link to the Boyd-Moline Library website section.

<http://www.thefirstacademy.org/school-life/boyd-moline-library-/suggested-literature-lists>

Use this list as a launching point for your child's summer reading. Remember that every child who reads or has read to them at least ten books and fills out the summer reading form will receive a Spirit Day pass and a Chick Fil A coupon.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.” (*I Can Read with My Eyes Shut* by Dr. Seuss)

The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) In this humorous and perceptive exchange between two devils, C. S. Lewis delves into moral questions about good vs. evil, temptation, repentance, and grace. Through this wonderful tale, the reader emerges with a better understanding of what it means to live a faithful life. BL: **8.8** - AR Pts: **7.0**

Dirty Little Secrets by C.J. Omololu (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) When her unstable mother dies unexpectedly, sixteen-year-old Lucy must take control and find a way to keep the long-held secret of her mother's compulsive hoarding from being revealed to friends, neighbors, and especially the media. BL: **5.5** - AR Pts: **10.0**

Elements of Style by William Strunk and E.B. White. (Electronic versions not available)

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) The best American novel to emerge from World War I, *A Farewell to Arms* is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. BL: **6.0** - AR Pts: **13.0**

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What's So Great About Christianity by Dinesh D'Souza (ISBN-1414326017-paperback: (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Is it reasonable to have faith in God? Can intelligent, educated people really believe what the Bible says? Or do the atheists have it right—has Christianity been disproven by science and discredited as a guide to morality? Best-selling author Dinesh D'Souza (*The Enemy at Home*; *What's So Great about America*) responds head-on to the anti-God arguments of prominent atheists such as Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, and Christopher Hitchens and defeats them on their own terms. *What's So Great about Christianity* provides believers with a straightforward tool kit for meeting the challenge of modern atheism and secularism; for nonbelievers, it offers a compelling apologetic that will challenge their assumptions and affirm that there really is something great about Christianity.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF): One of the most popular books in classic literature, *Jane Eyre* was created by a young but clearly talented Charlotte Bronte. It tells the story of Jane, from her own perspective, beginning in her childhood and carrying her into adulthood. It is ultimately a romance, although a melancholy one - excellent reading on a rainy day. BL: **7.9** - AR Pts: **33.0**

Pride and Prejudice By Jane Austen (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF, iBooks): This classic story about eighteenth-century England features a glamorous, proud heroine and a dashing, prejudiced hero, whose worth is slowly discovered. BL: **12.0** - AR Pts: **27.0**

The Coral Island by R. M. Ballantyne. (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF, iBooks): When the three sailor lads, Ralph, Jack and Peterkin are cast ashore after the storm, their first task is to find out whether the island is inhabited. Their next task is to find a way of staying alive. They go hunting and learn to fish, explore underwater caves and build boats - but then their island paradise is rudely disturbed by the arrival of pirates. BL: **9.3** - AR Pts: **19.0**

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How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster. (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF, iBooks): What does it mean when a fictional hero takes a journey?. Shares a meal? Gets drenched in a sudden rain shower? Often, there is much more going on in a novel or poem than is readily visible on the surface -- a symbol, maybe, that remains elusive, or an unexpected twist on a character -- and there's that sneaking suspicion that the deeper meaning of a literary text keeps escaping you. In this practical and amusing guide to literature, Thomas C. Foster shows how easy and gratifying it is to unlock those hidden truths, and to discover a world where a road leads to a quest; a shared meal may signify a communion; and rain, whether cleansing or destructive, is never just rain. Ranging from major themes to literary models, narrative devices, and form, *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* is the perfect companion for making your reading experience more enriching, satisfying, and fun. (Non-AR but a must read for AP Literature; there is a set of reading questions that go along with it.)

Les Miserables (Unabridged) by Victor Hugo. (Electronic versions: iBooks, Kindle) This epic novel describes Jean Valjean, a peasant who is released from prison, where he spent nineteen years for stealing a loaf of bread for his starving family, only to find himself threatened by people and events from his past. BL: **9.8** - AR Pts: **105.0**