

# 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 Yearling*** by Majorie Rawlings. (Electronic versions not available) A young boy living in the Florida backwoods is forced to decide the fate of a fawn he has lovingly raised as a pet. BL: **5.0** - AR Pts: **19.0**

***Through My Eyes*** by Tim Tebow and Nathan Whitaker (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Tim Tebow traces his path to success, his childhood as the son of Christian missionaries, and how his faith combined with his drive to succeed have made him the person he is today.. BL: **6.9** - AR Pts: **16.0**

***Taming of the Shrew*** by William Shakespeare. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) This play within a play is a delightful farce about a fortune hunter, Petruchio, who marries and "tames" the town shrew, Katherine. BL: **8.8** - AR Pts: **4.0**

***The Phantom of the Opera (Unabridged)*** by Gaston Leroux. (Electronic versions: iBooks, Kindle) A disfigured musical genius who lives beneath the Paris Opera House falls in love with a beautiful soprano and, in his desperation to have his love returned, embarks on some terrifying means toward that end. BL: **7.1**-AR Pts: **12.0**

***The Red Pony*** by John Steinbeck. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Ownership of a beautiful red pony teaches ten-year-old Jody about life and death. BL: **6.1** - AR Pts: **6.0**

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**Choosing to See** by Marybeth Chapman. (Electronic versions available: Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Covering her courtship and marriage to Steven Curtis Chapman, struggles for emotional balance, and living with grief, Mary Beth's story is our story--wondering where God is when the worst happens. In Choosing to See, she shows how she wrestles with God even as she has allowed him to write her story--both during times of happiness and those of tragedy. BL: **6.2** - AR Pts: **18.0**

**The Miracle Worker** by William Gibson. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) This book presents William Gibson's play about teacher Annie Sullivan's determined quest to give twelve-year-old Helen Keller, blind, deaf, and mute, the gift of language. BL: **5.2** - AR Pts: **4.0**

**Voice in the Wind** by Francine Rivers. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Torn by her love for a handsome aristocrat, a young slave girl clings to her faith in a living God for deliverance from the forces of decadent Rome. BL: **5.5**- AR Pts: **30.0**

**Sunrise Over Fallujah** by Walter Dean Myers. (Electronic version: Kindle) Robin Perry from Harlem is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civilian Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him. BL: **5.3** - AR Pts: **11.0**

**Keeping Corner** by Kashmira Sheth. (Electronic versions available: None) In India in the 1940s, thirteen-year-old Leela's happy, spoiled childhood ends when her husband, whom she barely knows, dies, leaving her a widow whose only hope of happiness could come from Mahatma Gandhi's social and political reforms. BL: **4.8**- AR Pts: **8.0**

**This Present Darkness** by Frank Peretti. (Electronic versions not available) Ashton is just a typical small town. But when a skeptical reporter and prayerful pastor begin to compare notes, they suddenly find themselves fighting a hideous New Age plot to subjugate the townspeople, and eventually the entire human race. BL: **6.1** - AR Pts: **25.0**

**The Oath** by Frank Peretti. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle) Something sinister is at work in Hyde River, an isolated old mining town in the mountains of the Pacific Northwest. Something evil. BL: **5.1** - AR Pts: **25.0**

**Let's Roll** by Lisa Beamer. (Electronic versions available: Kindle) Lisa Beamer shares memories of her life with husband Todd, and discusses how her husband's courageous actions on United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001, forever changed her life, and the lives of all Americans. The coauthor is Ken Abraham. BL: **7.3** - AR Pts: **13.0**

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***Poisonwood Bible*** by Barbara Kingsolver. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) This is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. BL: **6.6** - AR Pts: **29.0**

***The Plague*** by Albert Camus. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) Set in Algiers, in northern Africa, this is a study of human life and its meaning in the face of a deadly virus that sweeps through the city. This edition has been translated from the French by Stuart Gilbert. BL: **8.2** - AR Pts: **16.0**

***Othello*** by William Shakespeare. (Electronic versions available: iBooks, Kindle, epubBooks, PDF) This drama is one of the great tragedy themed plays by William Shakespeare. Othello is a highly esteemed general in the service of Venice. Iago is Othello's ambitious friend. Othello promotes the Michael Cassio to the position of personal lieutenant and Iago is deadly jealous. Iago begins an evil and malicious campaign against the hero. Othello elopes with Desdemona but Iago starts to plot against them. Othello becomes jealous and suspicious of Desdemona. He confides in Iago that he plans to poison Desdemona. Plots and murders ensue and Othello returns to the castle to kill his innocent wife. He eventually smothers her to death. Emilia tells Othello the truth about the scheming Iago. Othello wounds Iago, then kills himself. Iago kills Emilia. B.L - **8.4** - AR Pts: **5.0**