

Westminster Christian Academy
Summer Reading Program 2008

Because we believe that reading is an important part of everyone's life and that reading is a foundational skill that should constantly be improved, the English Department has chosen books for summer reading that are not only important works of literature, but are also books that students will enjoy. Our hope is that summer reading will keep skills sharp. Many of the texts are available online. All can be found in bookstores, whether used or new.

Each teacher will assess the students' reading of the novel as he/she feels best. Test and/or essays will be given during the first week of school; many teachers will evaluate on the first full day of classes. Most students will find it difficult to read the novel once classes begin. Please do not think that you can watch a movie adaptation instead of reading the book. Movies are notoriously different from the books.

It is suggested that students keep reading notes for summer reading. These notes can include character descriptions and development, plot lines, settings, and conflicts. These notes will be a good review for the test or essay.

Some books may contain language and behaviors that a Christian would not want to emulate. We do not condone this language or behavior; instead it will be evaluated from a Christian world view in the classroom discussions of the novel.

The following assignments are for the **upcoming** grade level:

English 12/Dual Enrollment:

Nineteen Eighty-Four – George Orwell
Pilgrim's Progress – John Bunyan

English 12:

Nineteen Eighty-Four – George Orwell

English 11:

The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald
Honors Add: *The Bridge of San Luis Rey* – Thornton Wilder

English 10:

18 Best Stories by Edgar Allan Poe – ed. Vincent Price
Honors Add: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* – Harriet Beecher Stowe

English 9:

The Scarlet Pimpernel – Baroness Orczy
Honors Add: *Rebecca* – Daphne du Maurier

English 8:

Adam of the Road – Elizabeth Janet Gray

English 7:

The Prince and the Pauper – Mark Twain

English 6:

Call It Courage – Armstrong Sperry