

Department of English
Summer Reading
2012

Lower School

Required:

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, Twain

Recommended:

A Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle
All Creatures Great and Small, Herriot
Anne of Green Gables, Montgomery
Dacey's Song, Voigt
Hatchet, Paulsen
Holes, Sachar
Homecoming, Voigt
Julie of the Wolves, George
Kidnapped, Stevenson
Kim, Kipling
The Little House on the Prairie, Wilder
Little Men, Alcott
Little Women, Alcott
Number the Stars, Lowry
Redwall, Jacques
Sarah, Plain and Tall, MacLachlan
Swiss Family Robinson, Wyss
The Bridge to Tarabithia, Paterson
The Golden Compass, Pullman
The Illustrated Man, Bradbury
The Island of the Blue Dolphins, O'Dell
The Jungle Book, Kipling
The Midwife's Apprentice, Cushman
The Phantom Tollbooth, Juster
The Secret Garden, Burnett
Tisha, Specht
Treasure Island, Stevenson
Watership Down, Adams

Upper School

Required:

The Chosen, Potok

(Required of all Upper School Students)

The Color Purple, Walker

(Required of AP Literature Students Only)

Recommended:

A Prayer for Owen Meany, Irving
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, Smith
A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Dorris
Appearing Live at the Final Test, Teton
April Morning, Fast
Beloved, Morrison
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee, Brown
Call of the Wild, London
Catch 22, Heller
Death Comes for the Archbishop, Cather
East of Eden, Steinbeck
For Whom the Bell Tolls, Hemingway
Franny and Zooey, Salinger
Gone with the Wind, Mitchell
Mama Day, Naylor
My Ántonia, Cather
My Name is Asher Lev, Potok
Sister Carrie, Dreiser
Skinwalkers, Hillerman
Snow Falling on Cedars, Guterson
The Grapes of Wrath, Steinbeck
The Jungle, Sinclair
The Milagro Beanfield War, Nichols
The Natural, Malamud
The Red Badge of Courage, Crane
The Reivers, Faulkner
The Skyfisherman, Lesley
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Hurston
To Kill a Mockingbird, Lee

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Dear Anacapa Students:

About the required books:

For each grade level there is one required book. Students in Advanced Placement Literature have two required books. English classes will be using these books at the beginning of the year, so be sure that you are prepared. You will be asked to discuss and write about them. They can be purchased from Chaucer's, who will have copies on hand for us, ordered online, or borrowed from the Public Library.

Required for students entering 7th and 8th grades:

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain.**

This book is one of the most popular and irresistible tales in American Literature. Tom Sawyer and his friend, Huckleberry Finn, experience all sorts of adventures and get into many scrapes which are narrated in the richly humorous and sympathetic style of one of America's finest storytellers. You might enjoy reading an illustrated edition; Modern Library Classics prints one with the original illustrations.

Required for students entering 9th - 12th grades:

***The Chosen*, by Chaim Potok**

For the first fifteen years of our lives, Danny and I lived within five blocks of each other and neither of us knew of the other's existence. These lines begin a story about Jewish boys, Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders, growing up in New York during the middle of the Twentieth Century, at the same time as a Jewish state is being formed in Israel. While you learn about their culture, transplanted from Eastern Europe, you are entertained by plot-lines involving baseball rivalries and girlfriend complications.

Additional required reading for students in Advanced Placement Literature:

***The Color Purple* by Alice Walker**

Celie's first letter begins, *Dear God, I am fourteen years old. I have always been a good girl. Maybe you could give me a sign letting me know what is happening to me.* This story is told through the half-literate letters that Celie, the protagonist, writes to God about her lonely, abused life with her "Pa" and later her husband. As dreadful as Celie's experiences are, Walker makes the story surprising and funny, as Celie meets her husband's girlfriend and other outrageous characters, and discovers herself in the process.

About the recommended books

We also offer a list of recommended books for your enjoyment and edification. The books on this list were chosen for their literary value and their importance, but primarily because they are fun to read. They should be easy to get at the Public Library, online, or at Chaucer's.

Questions?

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Have a great summer!

Peggy Lauer

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