

2011- 2012 Westridge Christian Academy Required Reading List

Note: The novels on this list are arranged in the order in which we will read them in each class. The novels with (independent reading) beside the author's name will be read independently, at the student's own pace. A personal reflection/response essay will be required for each of those novels.

7th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. Redwall by Brian Jacques
2. Julie of the Wolves by Jean Craighead George (independent reading)
3. Born Free by Joy Anderson
4. The Outsiders (independent reading)

Spring Semester:

1. Summer of the Monkeys by Wilson Rawls (independent reading)
2. The Wanderer by Sharon Creech
3. The Watsons Go to Birmingham by Christopher Paul Curtis (independent reading)
4. SOS Titanic by Eve Bunting

8th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
2. The Face on the Milk Carton (independent reading)
3. The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien
4. So Be It by Sarah Weeks (independent reading)

Spring Semester:

1. The Ark, the Reed, and the Fire Cloud by Jenny Cotes (independent reading)
2. With Every Drop of Blood: A Fictional Novel of the Civil War by James L. and Christopher Collier
3. Number the Stars by Louis Lowery (independent reading)
4. I Rode a Horse of Milk White Jade by Diane Lee Wilson

9th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Luis Stevenson
2. A Walk Across America by Peter Jenkins (independent reading)
3. Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
4. Into Thin Air: A Personal Account of the Mt. Everest Disaster by Jon Krakauer (independent reading)

Spring Semester:

1. The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (independent reading)
2. Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare
3. The Miracle Worker by William Gibson (independent reading)
4. The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

10th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger (independent reading)
2. The War of the Worlds by H.G. Wells
3. The Maltese Falcon by Hammett Dashiell (independent reading)
4. Dracula by Bram Stoker

Spring Semester:

1. Othello by William Shakespeare
2. A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines (independent reading)
3. Animal Farm by George Orwell
4. To Kill a Mockingbird (independent reading)

11th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne
2. The Awakening by Kate Chopin (independent reading)
3. The Last of the Mohicans by James Fennimore Cooper
4. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain (independent reading)

Spring Semester:

1. The Crucible by Arthur Miller
2. The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (independent reading)
3. Our Town by Thornton Wilder
4. Hiroshima by John Hersey (independent reading)

12th Grade

Fall Semester:

1. The Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan
2. Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe (independent novel)
3. Hamlet by William Shakespeare
4. Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (independent reading)

Spring Semester:

1. Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift (divided into four sections)
2. The Valley of Fear by Sherlock Holmes (independent reading)
3. 1984 by George Orwell
4. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith (independent reading)