Unity Christian School
Summer Reading
Middle School (6th-8th)
2026-2027

Students will be required to read both books by the beginning of school. When they return to school, the books will be discussed regarding theme, characters, setting, etc. After classroom discussion of the books, the students will write an in class essay over a given topic from one of the books. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Payne (spayne@unitychristianschool.org)

Sixth Grade: (Choose **2 books** from the list below**)**

Little Women by Louise May Alcott (can be checked out at the school)
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Anne of Green Gables by L. M. Montgomery
Around the World in 80 Days by Jules Verne (can be checked out at the school)

Seventh Grade: (These books can be checked out at the school.)

Choose **two books** from Chronicles of Narnia series

1. *The Magician's Nephew*
2. *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*
3. *The Horse and His Boy*
4. *Prince Caspian*
5. *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*
6. *The Silver Chair*
7. *The Last Battle*

Eighth Grade:

God's Smuggler by Brother Andrew with John and Elizabeth Sherill
(The school will be providing these books to use.)
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

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Summer Reading
Grades 9th-12th
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The book noted with the asterisk is the required reading. **When you return to school, you will write an in-depth in class essay on this book.** Then you will choose one from the other 2-3 books listed, and a test will be given the first week of school. When reading the book, you need to focus on main characters, setting, and themes in the book. REMEMBER all activities on the books will be done when you return to school. I would suggest taking notes as you read the books. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Payne (spayne@unitychristianschool.org)

Ninth Grade:

*******The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
Cold Sassy Tree by Olive Ann Burns
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Tenth Grade:

*******Othell*o by Shakespeare
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
1984 by George Orwell

Eleventh:

American Literature:

*********Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams
My Antonia by Willa Cather
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines

AP Language and Composition: (will need to read all three)

Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell
Into the Wild by John Krakauer
The Color of Water by James McBride

Twelfth:

British Literature: (will need to read both)

Don't Waste Your Life by John Piper
Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

AP Literature: (will need to read all three)

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas C. Foster
Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce
The Road by Cormac McCarthy