

**Unity Christian School**  
**Summer Reading**  
**Middle School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)**  
**2023-2024**

**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](mailto: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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Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>  
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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](mailto:spayne@unitychristianschool.org))

**Ninth Grade:**

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

**Tenth Grade:**

**\*\****Othello* by Shakespeare  
*Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandra Dumas  
*Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen  
*1984* by George Orwell

**Eleventh:**

**American Literature:**

**\*\*\*\****Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams  
*The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver  
*My Antonia* by Willa Cather  
*Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
*A Lesson Before Dying* by Ernest Gaines

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

*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis  
*Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell  
*Into the Wild* by John Krakauer

**Twelfth:**

**British Literature:**

**\*\*\*\****Antigone* by Sophocles  
*The Time Machine* by H.G. Wells  
*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel  
*Emma* by Jane Austen

**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