

Cumberland Christian School - High School Summer Reading
Grades 9-12 (AP Lit. Students have a different assignment)

One of the goals of the English curriculum at CCS is to help students become careful and critical readers who exercise discernment in the choice of reading materials. With that in mind, your summer reading assignment allows you to make a choice about what you read, and then encourages you to take a look at your text using a discerning eye.

Assignment

Choose a work of fiction that is at least 150 pages long. It should be a book you have not read before. While I believe some graphic novels can make great literature, they are not allowed for this assignment. If you need suggestions, the [Booklist for Grades 9-12](#) on Christianbook.com has some good suggestions and there is a list of suggested titles attached.

After reading the book, complete a review, similar to what you would find on [Plugged In](#), to help discern the type of audience for which the book is appropriate.

Your review of the book may be typed or handwritten and take any form you desire. It should include the following:

- Title and author of the book
- Book summary (a 1-2 paragraph overview of the plot)
- Themes (key themes covered in the novel)
- Positive Elements (an overview of the good things found in the novel)
- Spiritual Elements (an overview of Christian beliefs or other beliefs and elements that are spiritual in nature - not necessarily related to Christianity - in the novel)
- Profanity and Violence (a discussion of any profanity or violence contained in the novel including whether it is necessary)
- Other Negative Elements (list any other concerns, if any)
- Discussion Topics (at least two discussion topics that could come from the novel)
- Conclusion (Is this book something teens, particularly Christian teens should read? Make sure your overall conclusion is specific to the book, not a generic response that can be used for any book.)

Your summer reading assignment is due during the first week of school.

A list of suggested titles is included. However, you may choose a novel that does not appear on this list as long as it is a work of fiction over 150 pages long, primarily composed of text (not pictures), and you have not read it before.

The Three Musketeers	The House of the Seven Gables
The Old Man and the Sea	The Hunchback of Notre Dame
A Separate Peace	Things That Fall Apart
Out of the Silent Planet	Winesburg, Ohio
That Hideous Strength	Emma
Christy	Sense and Sensibility
This Present Darkness	Lorna Doon
All Quiet on the Western Front	A Man for All Seasons
The Good Earth	Jane Eyre
The Illuminati	The Good Earth
Don Quixote De La Mancha	Death Comes for the Archbishop
Born Again	My Antonia
Lord Jim	The Red Badge of Courage
The Deerslayer	The Inferno
The Silver Chalice	A Tale of Two Cities
Great Expectations	The Brothers Karamazov
Hard Times	The Count of Monte Cristo
The Robe	The Mill on the Floss
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Murder in the Cathedral
Silas Marner	Lord of the Flies
Through the Gates of Splendor	Vicar of Wakefield
The Great Gatsby	Return of the Native
Lord of the Flies	A Farewell to Arms
A Raisin in the Sun	All Things Bright and Beautiful
The House of Seven Gables	Hiroshima
The Lost Horizon	Les Miserables
To Kill a Mockingbird	Brave New World
Gone with the Wind	The turn of the Screw
Mutiny on the Bounty	Paradise Lost
The Scarlet Pimpernell	The Jungle
Cry the Beloved Country	Vanity Fair
The Chosen	Anna Karenina
Peace Child	Ben Hur
The Light in the Forest	War of the Worlds
Cyrano De Bergerac	Picture of Dorian Grey
Ivanhoe	The Running Dream
Of Mice and Men	The Book Thief
Uncle Tom's Cabin	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas
A Girl of Limberlost	Oliver Twist
War and Peace	Pygmalion
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Anne of Green Gables series
The Invisible Man	Slave by Laura Frances
The Time Machine	Westing Game
The Once and Future King	When Crickets Cry
The Bridge of San Luis Rey	Cities of Refuge series
Our Town	
The Cross and the Switchblade	
The Great Gatsby	
Tess of the D'Urbervilles	