

Core Reading Lists for College Readiness

Our reading lists include but are not limited to the titles that appear. The core reading list in our program is selected based on the richness and rigor of the text. Each major work provides students with an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of textual analysis and academic composition, while broadening their experience with cultures, genres, and time periods. To enhance the depth and breadth of experiences with literature, students will also engage with major authors of shorter works in other genres.

Sixth Grade

The Cay by Theodore Taylor
The Giver by Lois Lowry
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
Call of the Wild by Jack London
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
Bridge to Teribithia by Katherine Paterson
White Fang by Jack London
Chu Ju's House by Gloria Whelan
Hoot by Carl Hiassen

Seventh Grade

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Handsberry
Lord of the Flies by William Golding
The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis
The Lottery by Beth Goobie
House of the Scorpion by Nancy Farmer
Night by Elie Wiesel
A Separate Peace by John Knowles
Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Red Pony by John Steinbeck
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
The Pearl by John Steinbeck
Monster by Walter Dean Myers
Riot by Walter Dean Myers

Eighth Grade

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi
The Absolutely True Diary of a part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Daniel: Half Human and the Good Nazi by David Chotjewitz
Animal Farm by George Orwell
Nickel and Dime by Barbara Ehrenreich
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
Romeo and Juliet by William Shakespeare