

Please read the following texts before returning to school in the fall:

GRADE	SELECTIONS
7th Grade	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> (Madeline L'Engle)
8th Grade	<i>My Side of the Mountain</i> (Jean Craighead George)
Freshmen	<i>Lord of the Flies</i> (William Golding) OR <i>The Pearl</i> by (John Steinbeck)
Sophomores	<i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (Arthur Conan Doyle) OR <i>Emma</i> (Jane Austen)
Juniors*	<i>The Alchemist</i> (Paulo Coelho)
Seniors*	<i>This I Believe</i> Volume I or II (Jay Allison & Dan Gediman, Editors)

English and Religion teachers will expect you to have read and annotated works in preparation for an essay or exam in the first few days of school. Students 7th-8th grade will take an AR test on their required books.

#### ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW:

- **READ** your selection. You may purchase the book or borrow it from the library (oplib.org).
- Although we don't *require* you to annotate, **a strong reader is an active reader**. Make marginal notes, or use post-it notes. Keep a reading journal.
- Each student will complete a **formative reflective assignment** to demonstrate knowledge of the book. Prepare for an open-book in-class essay on one of the following prompts:
  - Why do you believe the book is an award-winner or considered a "classic"?
  - Should the book be *required* reading? Why or why not?
  - How does the book relate to your own life? In what way(s) did you identify with the subject or one of the main characters?

#### \*11th/12th Honors Students:

You are to read the selection above PLUS at least one more. This summer, choose your own book (nonfiction, fiction, drama, or poetry). DO NOT reread a book from the school curriculum. Please select from one of the following lists:

- [Goodreads - Best Books of 2023](#)
- [National Book Award](#)
- [Pulitzer Prize for Fiction](#)
- [Man Booker Prize Winners \(Booker Prizes\)](#)
- [Hugo Award](#)
- [Powell's Books Award Winning Books](#)

*You will be asked to discuss your honors selection in an informal, in-class response paper.*