

# 2025 High School Summer Reading List



Summer reading will help each student improve vocabulary, comprehension, and writing skills that will make all studies more beneficial to academic achievement.

You must read one of the following books on the list below. You must not have read the book before.

PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE: As a Christian, a person may wonder, "Should Christians study the classics of literature?" Christians should be aware that man's writings reflect his inner thoughts. This can be seen throughout a study of literature and the authors' lives. If we look at secular literature (classics) through discerning eyes, our own faith and testimony can be strengthened. The selections chosen for the reading list are either classic in nature or carry strong literary merit. Berean Christian School cannot be responsible for all content in every selection. If you find reading a particular book objectionable to you or your parents, please choose another book.

Please be advised: copied, summarized, or paraphrased information from an internet source or any other source is unacceptable. **THIS IS PLAGIARISM!** Be sure to correctly document sources that are used and use your own thoughts based on what you have learned to complete ANY writing assignment. Common knowledge and your own thoughts do NOT need to be documented.

## Writing Assignment Directions:

### 9th / 10th grade:

- Choose five quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
- Complete the chart as shown on the next page of this packet using correct MLA formatting.

### 11th / 12th grade:

- Choose six quotes from the book that give insight into the main character.
- Complete the chart as shown on the next page of this packet using correct MLA formatting.

**Due Date: Friday, August 8, 2025 (Quiz Grade)**

\*Note-New students who enroll at Berean July 2025 or after will be excused from this assignment. \*

| Meaningful quote and what page the quote is found on.             | Explain the circumstances behind the quote (provide background details, such as time, place, and situation in which the quote was spoken). 3-4 sentences   | Explain why the quote is important to the story. (3-5 sentences)   | Why is it important? (1-2 sentences)  |
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| Ex. "That is so, Monsieur. Now I enjoy the world" (Christie 131). | This quote occurs moments after Hercule Poirot meets Mr. Van Aldin, the father of the murdered woman. This is how he responds when asked if he is retired. | This seemingly innocent quote shows a great deal about the character. It shows he is a highly educated man and that he emphasizes appearances. | This is important because it shows why he is observant. It also shows how he is skilled in solving cases. |

### 9th and 10th Grade Book Choices (Choose one)

- *Black* by Ted Dekker
- *Thr3e* by Ted Dekker
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe
- *Take This Cup* by Brock and Bodie Thoene
- *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side* by Agatha Christie
- *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck
- *The Pilgrim's Progress: A Readable Modern-Day Version of John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress*

### 11th and 12th Grade Book Choices (Choose one)

- *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers
- *Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus* by Nabeel Qureshi
- *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens
- *Little Women* by Lousia May Alcott
- *A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway
- *Screwtape Letters* by C. S. Lewis
- *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe
- *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston