

# GCS High School 2021 English Summer Reading

## Required Summer Reading at GCS: Methodology and Purpose

Because Grace Christian School is committed to a strong reading program for its students, classic literature is assigned throughout the year that is specifically selected to coincide with other disciplines. To further our vision for strong readers, we believe in continuing reading expectations for the summer in preparation for life in general and specifically for success in high school, pre-college testing, and college itself.

The Grace Christian School summer reading program is an important aspect of the academic program, especially considering what studies reveal.

- The number of books read in summer is consistently related to academic gains.
- Significant vocabulary gains take place when students read in the summer.
- Significant fluency gains take place through summer reading programs.

When selecting books for summer reading, GCS faculty and staff make choices based on historical and subject significance, literary merit, and the goal of fostering a lifelong love of reading in all of our students. It is with these and the following thoughts in mind that we require reading over the summer:

- To provide the opportunity for students to keep literacy skills sharpened.
- To motivate students to read for pleasure while guiding them to make sound choices.
- To foster the correlation between reading and writing skills.
- To encourage students to discover and develop a sense of ownership in their reading lives.

## 2021 English Summer Reading Assignment

This summer's reading assignment mirrors last year's, in that **all students are to read a specific literary work that is part of their grade level's 2021-22 English class curriculum, as well as complete an assignment (see below) related to the book that is due near the beginning of the first quarter.** Part of the rationale behind assigning the reading of one work over the summer months rather than multiple is that students are afforded more time to read more works of their own choosing. The required summer reading works are ordered by the school, and each student is provided their own copy. New students should pick up their book at the high school front desk during summer office hours.

<b>Rising Grade for 2021-22</b>	<b>Literary Works</b> (Please read the school-provided copy.)	<b>Assignments</b> (See links below.)
9	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	<a href="#">English 9</a>
10	<i>The Odyssey</i> (Fitzgerald translation)	<a href="#">English 10 &amp; Honors English 10</a>
11 & 12	<i>Peace Like a River</i>	<a href="#">English 11/12</a> <a href="#">Honors &amp; AP English 11/12</a>