

## MCA Middle School/ High School Summer Reading Challenge

Dear Parents and Students,

This summer, we would like all MCA Middle School and High School students to commit to reading at least one of the following books from the attached list over the summer. Our goal is to:

- \*Encourage the students to enjoy reading
- \*To improve students reading comprehension
- \*To afford students the opportunity to develop and exercise their ability to discern what is true and Godly in what they read.
- \*To prepare students for the expectations for the colleges they will attend.

We have tried to select books of intellectual and educational merit that are a part of the Western literary tradition or esteemed by academics and scholars for the college bound students. A few books that do not appear on the lists are already read as a part of our English curriculum and are therefore not included.

Because some of the books on the list do not represent a Christian worldview and may contain certain language, content or philosophy contrary to the beliefs and values of your family, we ask that **parents preapprove** the novels that your child reads.

Students, please choose one book to read from the following list. However, do not feel impelled to stop at just one! The students will be asked to give an oral book report/review when they return to school in the fall. There is no need to purchase the book, unless you wish too. Many libraries have free copies, or you may read these with a kindle app through the WVDELI attached to your library card, which allows patrons to borrow e-books. In addition, please feel free to listen to the audio book as you are reading in order to better understand and enjoy your experience.

### Entering Sixth Grade

*Souder* by William Armstrong.  
*National Velvet* by Enid Bagnold  
*The Indian in the Cupboard* by Lynne Banks  
*Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie  
*A Little Princess* by Frances Burnett  
*My Brother Sam is Dead* by James Collier  
*Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Curtis  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt  
*Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle

*The Chronicles of Narnia* (series) by C.S. Lewis  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry  
*Shiloh* by Phyllis Naylor  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell  
*A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck  
*A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor  
*Little House on the Prairie* (series) by Laura Ingalls Wilder

**Entering Seventh/Eighth Grade**

*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*The Wizard of Oz* by Frank Baum  
*The Secret Garden* by Frances Burnett  
*The Incredible Journey* by Sheila Burnford  
*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas  
*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin  
*Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell  
*The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Witch of Blackbird Pond* by Elizabeth George Speare  
*The Black Arrow* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom

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**Entering Ninth/Tenth Grade**

*Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* by Mark Twain  
*The Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*Anne of Green Gables* (series) by Lucy Maud Montgomery  
*The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
*The Three Musketeers* by Alexander Dumas  
*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte  
*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe  
*Anne Frank, the Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank  
*Through the Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot

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**Entering Eleventh/Twelfth Grade**

*The House of Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
*A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
*Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie  
*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Ben Hur* by Lew Wallace  
*O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather  
*The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper  
*The Tempest* by William Shakespeare  
*The Iliad* by Homer  
*Our Town* by Thornton Wilder  
*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

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*What Katy Did* by Susan Coolidge  
*Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
*The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* by Arthur Conan Doyle  
*The Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Grahame  
*White Fang* by Jack London  
*The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* by Howard Pyle  
*Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson  
*Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
*The Prince and the Pauper* by Mark Twain  
*Around the World in Eighty Days* by Jules Verne  
*The Sword in the Stone* by T.H. White  
*Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm* by Kate Wiggin  
*The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann Wyss

*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*The Invisible Man* by H.G. Wells  
*The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien  
*The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway  
*And Then There Were None* by Agatha Christie  
*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane  
*All's Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque  
*Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee \*\*Contains adult themes  
*Christy* by Catherine Marshall

*The Scarlet Pimpernel* by The Baroness Orczy  
*Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell  
*The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie  
*All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot \*\*contains language, drinking references  
*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley  
*The Lord of the Rings* (any volume) by J.R.R. Tolkien  
*Rebecca* by Daphne Dumaurier  
*Hamlet* by William Shakespeare  
*Vanity Fair* by William Makepeace Thackeray  
*The Odyssey* by Homer