

## BCS 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading- Book List

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

#### **The Pearl by John Steinbeck**

Publisher: Viking Press (January 1, 1975)

ISBN-10: 0553100408

ISBN-13: 978-0553100402

Idealistically speaking, who doesn't want a better life? Whether one searches through prayer or purposeful adventure, or if one happens upon it, there is a price to be paid. Steinbeck captures the role of good and evil in the world, the cycle of unbearable poverty, the consequences of colonial domination, and how sudden riches can be more destructive than the poverty it may alleviate. *The Pearl*, Mass Paperback Productions, Review. Amazon.com

#### **The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway**

Publisher: Scribner (May 5, 1995)

ISBN-10: 0684801221

ISBN-13: 978-0684801223

This is a tale of a passionate fisherman who triumphs over adversity. After an 84 day stretch of unproductive fishing outings, Santiago ventures far out into the Gulf to end what he believes is an unlucky streak. Although he takes off with renewed determination, he meets his match in the waters. An unrelenting marlin takes Santiago on a physical adventure, yet the prize isn't necessarily what the reader expects. The story teaches the power of embracing adversity.

#### **The Martian Chronicles by Ray Bradbury**

Publisher: Bantam Books (January 1, 1970)

ASIN: B000PC3D34

This 1950 collection of short stories identifies Bradbury as a sci-fi success. "Starting in the far-flung future of 1999, expedition after expedition leaves Earth to investigate Mars. The Martians guard their mysteries well, but they are decimated by the diseases that arrive with the rockets. Colonists appear, most with ideas no more lofty than starting a hot-dog stand, and with no respect for the culture they've displaced." --Blaise Selby, Amazon.com Review

#### **A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith**

Publisher: Harper Perennial Modern Classics (May 30, 2006)

ISBN-10: 0061120073

ISBN-13: 978-0061120077

This is an American classic that reveals the pains of becoming a young lady while living in the Williamsburg slums of Brooklyn, New York at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Francie Neely, the protagonist, gains unprecedented wisdom regarding family relationships and learns to rise above her impoverished circumstances.

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

### **1984 by George Orwell**

Publisher: Plum, 2003 (paperback)

ISBN-10: 0452284236

ISBN-13: 978-0452284234

“Novel by George Orwell, published in 1949 as a warning about the menaces of totalitarianism. The novel is set in an imaginary future world that is dominated by three perpetually warring totalitarian police states. The book's hero, Winston Smith, is a minor party functionary in one of these states. His longing for truth and decency leads him to secretly rebel against the government. Smith has a love affair with a like-minded woman, but they are both arrested by the Thought Police. The ensuing imprisonment, torture, and reeducation of Smith are intended not merely to break him physically or make him submit but to root out his independent mental existence and his spiritual dignity. Orwell's warning of the dangers of totalitarianism made a deep impression on his contemporaries and upon subsequent readers, and the book's title and many of its coinages, such as NEWSPEAK, became bywords for modern political abuses”. -- [The Merriam-Webster Encyclopedia of Literature](#) --*This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.*

### **Christy by Catherine Marshall**

Publisher: Avon, 2006

ISBN-10: 0380001411

ISBN-13: 978-0380001415

“When Christy Huddleston leaves a life of privilege and ease to teach in the impoverished Smokey Mountains, her faith is severely tested by her pupils, the love of two men, and the curious customs of the mountain people in her community. Yet she grows to love these people and the simple, fulfilling lifestyle to be found in the heart of God's country. First released in 1967, *Christy* is based on the life of author Catherine Marshall's mother and was the inspiration for the recent television series of the same name. Beautifully told, this is a charming, timeless tale of love and faith that will appeal to romance readers of all ages”. --*Maudeen Wachsmith*

### **The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom**

Publisher: Bantam Books 1984

ISBN-10: 0553256696

ISBN-13: 978-0553256697

“This is the autobiographical story of Corrie Ten Boom and how she and her family worked for the Dutch underground movement during World War II. The family was Christian and took a very strong stand against the Nazi persecution of the Jews. Corrie's father, a kindly, religious man, summed up his thoughts on the Nazis by saying, "I pity them Corrie. They have touched the apple of God's eye." Corrie and her sister, Betsie were two ladies aged 45 and 52 years of age, respectively. They are the unlikely heroines of this story. Never married and rather innocent of the world, they proved the old saying that "you can't tell a book by its cover." Both sisters risked everything they had including their lives to save people they didn't even know. In today's world of "me first", it's so encouraging to read a story of a family that truly lived their faith and practiced the Golden Rule.” By Judith Miller

### **Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**

Publisher Aerie, unabridged 1989

ISBN-10: 0812504240

ISBN-13: 978-0812504248

“In these twelve intriguing stories, Sherlock Holmes and his trusty friend Dr. Watson solve crimes amid the sinister and foggy streets of Victorian London.” Jalic, Inc. 2000 - 2010.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

### **The Red Badge of Courage- Stephen Crane**

**ISBN-10:** 1420922351

**ISBN-13:** 978-1420922356

Although never having seen battle Stephen Crane vividly depicts the grueling intensity of the American Civil War. The story revolves around Henry Fleming, a member of the 304th regiment of the Union Army. At the start of the novel Henry is eager to show his patriotism in battle but when faced with the savagery of death he flees the frontline. Throughout the novel Henry struggles with his courage in the face of the horror of war. *The Red Badge of Courage* is a classic modern depiction of the psychological turmoil of war from the perspective of an ordinary soldier. (amazon.com)

### **A Farewell to Arms- Ernest Hemingway**

**ISBN-10:** 0684801469

**ISBN-13:** 978-0684801469

This is the story of Lieutenant Henry, an American, and Catherine Barkley, a British nurse. The two meet in Italy, and almost immediately Hemingway sets up the central tension of the novel: the tenuous nature of love in a time of war. (amazon.com)

### **My Antonia- Willa Cather**

**ISBN-10:** 019953814X

**ISBN-13:** 978-0199538140

This tale of the spirited daughter of a Bohemian immigrant family planning to farm on the untamed land ("not a country at all but the material out of which countries are made") comes to us through the romantic eyes of Jim Burden. He is, at the time of their meeting, newly orphaned and arriving at his grandparents' neighboring farm on the same night her family strikes out to make good in their new country. Antonia lies at the center of almost every human condition that Cather's novel effortlessly untangles. (amazon.com)

### **Their Eyes were Watching God- Zora Neale Hurston**

**ISBN-10:** 0061120065

**ISBN-13:** 978-0061120060

*Their Eyes Were Watching God*, is an enduring Southern love story sparkling with wit, beauty, and heartfelt wisdom. Told in the captivating voice of a woman who refuses to live in sorrow, bitterness, fear, or foolish romantic dreams, it is the story of fair-skinned, fiercely independent Janie Crawford, and her evolving selfhood through three marriages and a life marked by poverty, trials, and purpose. (amazon.com)

### **ALL AP**

#### **The Heavenly Man- Paul Hattaway, Brother Yun**

**ISBN-10:** 082546207X

**ISBN-13:** 978-0825462078

A dramatic autobiography of one of China's dedicated, courageous, and intensely persecuted house church leaders. (amazon.com)

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List

### **Sense & Sensibility- Jane Austen**

**ISBN-10:** 1593080492

**ISBN-13:** 978-1593080495

*Sense & Sensibility* is a wonderfully entertaining tale of flirtation and folly that revolves around two starkly different sisters, Elinor and Marianne Dashwood. Both are looking for a husband, but neither Elinor's reason nor Marianne's passion can lead them to perfect happiness. Startling secrets, unexpected twists, and heartless betrayals interrupt the marriage games that follow. Filled with satiric wit and subtle characterizations, *Sense and Sensibility* teaches that true love requires a balance of reason and emotion. (amazon.com)

### **Jane Eyre- Charlotte Bronte**

**ISBN-10:** 1441408290

**ISBN-13:** 978-1441408297

Jane's story is that of a woman who struggles for self-definition and determination in a society that too often denies her that right. Rochester, that thorny masculine beast whom Jane eventually falls for, is a man who sets his own laws and manipulates the lives of those around him; before he can enter into a marriage of equals with Jane he must undergo a spiritual transformation. Should the lesson sound dry, it's not. *Jane Eyre* is full of drama: fires, storms, attempted murder, and a mad wife conveniently stashed away in the attic. (amazon.com)

### **Count of Monte Cristo- Alexandre Dumas**

**ISBN-10:** 0140449264

**ISBN-13:** 978-0140449266

Dashing young Edmond Dantes has everything. But his perfect life is shattered when he is framed by a jealous rival and thrown into a dark prison cell for 14 years. *The Count of Monte Cristo* dazzles readers with Dantes' miraculous escape from prison, amazing discovery of a vast hidden treasure, and transformation into the mysterious and wealthy Count of Monte Cristo. (Prestwood Christian Academy)

### **Crime & Punishment- Fyodor Dostoyevsky**

**ISBN-10:** 0199536368

**ISBN-13:** 978-0199536368

*Crime and Punishment* is one of the most important novels of the nineteenth century. It is the story of a murder committed on principle, of a killer who wishes to set himself outside and above society. The novel is marked by Dostoevsky's own harrowing experience in penal servitude, and yet contains moments of wild humor. (amazon.com)

### **ALL AP**

#### **\*Mythology- Edith Hamilton**

**ISBN-10:** 0316341517

**ISBN-13:** 978-0316341516

Fans of Greek mythology will find all the great stories and characters here--Perseus, Hercules, and Odysseus--each discussed in generous detail by the voice of an impressively knowledgeable and engaging narrator. (amazon.com)



## **Book in a Bag or Box (Choice #2)**

After choosing and reading your book, you will select a book report container. The container could be a large manila envelope, a coffee can, an oatmeal box, a shoe box or anything else that might be appropriate for a book. Decorate your container to convey some of the major details, elements, or themes found in the books.

The contents of your container should include the following:

1. **Questions** Write ten questions based on the book and include the answers. Good questions may include setting, characters, conflicts, climax, or resolution.
2. **Vocabulary** Create a glossary with ten unfamiliar words from the book and their definitions.
3. **Things** Include five things that have a connection to the story. Be prepared to explain the connection each thing has to your novel.

Be prepared to give a presentation of your project. You will need to explain your container choice and the contents of your container. Be neat! Be creative! You may handwrite or type information and you may draw or use computer graphics for illustrations on the container.

## **Video Presentation (Choice #3)**

After choosing and reading your book, you will choose a scene from the novel to use in a video presentation. The video **must be 3-5 minutes** in length to receive full credit. No more than 2 other classmates may be in the video with you. Other people (that are not in your class) may be in the video, and YOU must be in the video. Be creative! Include props, relevant location, costumes, good sound quality, etc. This project is to be taken seriously. Be prepared to explain the relevance of the scene during your video presentation.

**BCS 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Project  
Grading Rubric**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

**Quiz Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

Points Earned	Points Possible
_____	50 pts- Student has clearly read book and is able to discuss plot, characters, etc.
_____	25 pts- Project (follows guidelines, meets requirements)
_____	15 pts- Presentation (informs audience, well prepared)
_____	10 pts- Signatures (signature sheet is present with student & parent signatures)

**Required Parent Signature:**

By signing below, I verify that my student has read all of the summer reading assignments and completed the required project(s). I also understand that 10 points of their grade comes from my signature.

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Parent Signature

## BCS Summer Reading

### AP English Language and Composition (11<sup>th</sup> grade)

You are required to read *The Heavenly Man* by Brother Yun and Paul Hattaway **and** one of the four novel choices for your grade. You must complete an assignment for **both** books. Both assignments are due August 19, 2010 (the second day of school).

For *The Heavenly Man* assignment, write a **1½ to 2 page essay** discussing theme, style (for example, point of view), and important people from the book. Please use **Times New Roman or Ariel 12 point font with one inch margins**. On line 1 include your title. Then, skip one line and start your essay. Do not put extra spaces between paragraphs. Include an introductory paragraph containing a well written thesis at the beginning of your essay and a strong conclusion at the end of your paper. Use **parenthetical citations** within the essay when specific references to the text are made. For example, if you borrow a description of Brother Yun from page 15 of the book you would cite it at the end of your sentence like this: (Hattaway 15). Include **works cited** on a separate third page which will include a bibliographical entry of the book using MLA style which you can create at [easybib.com](http://easybib.com). This page should be titled Works Cited (centered at the top of the page). Skip one line after the title and put your one entry. **Do not use any outside sources to complete this assignment.** You may consult a dictionary if you need to clarify the definitions of theme and style.

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### AP English Literature and Composition (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Required reading:

*Mythology* by Edith Hamilton

AND

One of the four novel choices for your grade

Assignment:

Read one of the four novel choices for your grade and complete your choice of assignment (as detailed in the Summer Reading Assignment). Be prepared to present your project to the class.

AND

Read *Mythology* and take extensive notes over the material. You may want to mark or make notations in the book as well as supplemental notes. You will take an extensive test over the book when you return to school. The test will be open book, open notes.

Assignment due date: August 19, 2010

\*You are required to read 2 books (*Mythology* AND one from the list) and complete BOTH assignments.