



EDEN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING

We are happy to share some **important details about the upper school Summer Enrichment Reading Program** that includes our English, History, Bible, Business, and Social Science departments. The program was designed to encourage and reward students who pursue expanding their minds through reading over the summer months!

Summer reading assignments at ECA are optional for all students in grades 7-12 with the exception of students in Advanced Placement classes. Please consult with your Advanced Placement teacher for required summer assignments.

Students who read a minimum of one book in a category (listed below) will have the opportunity to receive up to 3% credit on their first semester grade. Only one assignment for each subject category may be submitted. Each book can only be used for one submission for one course.

- Bible
- English
- History
- Business
- Social Science



Assignments will be submitted during the first two weeks of school on Canvas and reviewed using Turnitin. Students must turn in a reading verification form at the time of submission for each book read.

BOOK SELECTION

Book selections should be grade level appropriate and **not on the existing curriculum list**. All book selections should align with and not conflict with the mission of Eden Christian Academy. We encourage parents and students to review the book content together prior to selection.

ASSIGNMENT REQUIREMENTS

- All submissions must be double-spaced, size 12 Times New Roman font.
- Grade refers to the grade you will enter in the 2024-25 school year.
- Complete one essay prompt for each book that you read.
- Submit a **reading verification form** with parent signature.
- If you have any questions, please contact the teacher for that specific course. If you need a teacher's name and email address, the main office will be happy to help you (412-324-1100).



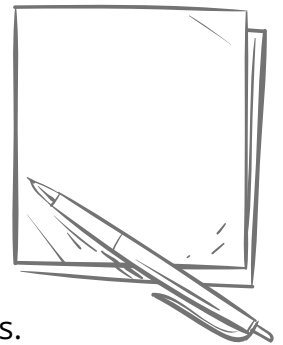
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ESSAY PROMPTS

Grades 7-8 Requirements

Write a minimum 1.5-page response to one of the following.

- **Personal Connection.** Explain a personal connection that you can make with the characters or plot of your book. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book to support your claims.
- **Biblical Connection.** Discuss how your book (its plot, people, ideas, etc.) connect with Biblical passages and themes. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book to support your claims as well as specific Biblical references.



Grades 9-10 Requirements

Write a minimum 2.5 page response to one of the following topics.

- **Current Event.** Connect elements of your book to a current event. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book as well as research with a works cited page to support your claims.
- **Character Analysis.** Describe one of the main characters or people from the book. What is their motivation? How do they change throughout the course of the book? What are their strengths and weaknesses? Make a comparison to a literary character, historical person, or Biblical figure. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book to support your claims.

Grades 11-12 Requirements

Write a minimum 3.5 page response to one of the following topics.

- **Symbolism.** Analyze 2-3 symbols that occur throughout the book. Explain the deeper meaning of these symbols and how they connect to a larger theme within the work. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book to support your claims.
- **Worldview.** Analyze the worldview of one of the characters or people from your book. Compare and contrast this worldview with a Biblical worldview analyzing how the character's worldview impacts his or her life. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book to support your claims.
- **Historical Research.** Research a historical element referenced in your book. For example, if your book takes place in the 1920s, choose and research an element related to that decade. Analyze how this element plays an important role in your book. Incorporate specific examples with page numbers from the book as well as a works cited page.



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SUGGESTED READING FOR 7TH-8TH

These are *suggested* books to explore for Summer Reading. Please use resources such as Common Sense Media and Plugged In to ensure that book selections meet your family's standards on age appropriate content.

7th Grade

English:

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

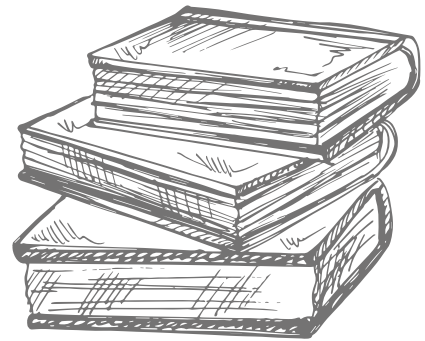
Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Watership Down by Richard Adams

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

Black Beauty by Anna Sewell

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery



History:

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

Bible:

Heroes of the Faith: Jonathan Edwards

The Great Awakener by Helen K. Hosier

Heroes of the Faith: George Muller

Man of Faith by Bonnie Harvey

Heroes of the Faith: John Newton, Author of "Amazing Grace" by Anne Sandberg

8th Grade

English:

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Greenglass House by Kate Milford

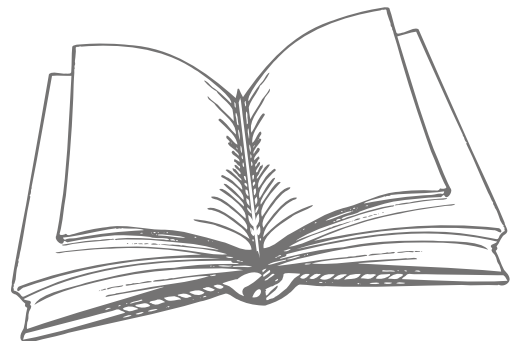
The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

Bible:

I Declare War by Levi Lusko

The Anatomy of Peace by The Arbinger Institute

Garden City by John Mark Comer





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SUGGESTED READING FOR 9TH

9th Grade

English:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Emma by Jane Austen

Life of Pi by Yann Martel

A Journey to the Centre of the Earth by Jules Vern

Boxers & Saints by Gene Luen Yang

The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

I Capture the Castle by Dodie Smith

History:

The Faithful Spy: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Plot to Kill Hitler by John Hendrix
Gods Generals by Jeff Sharra

The Killer Angels by Michael Sharra

The Last Full Measure by Jeff Shara

The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough

Bible:

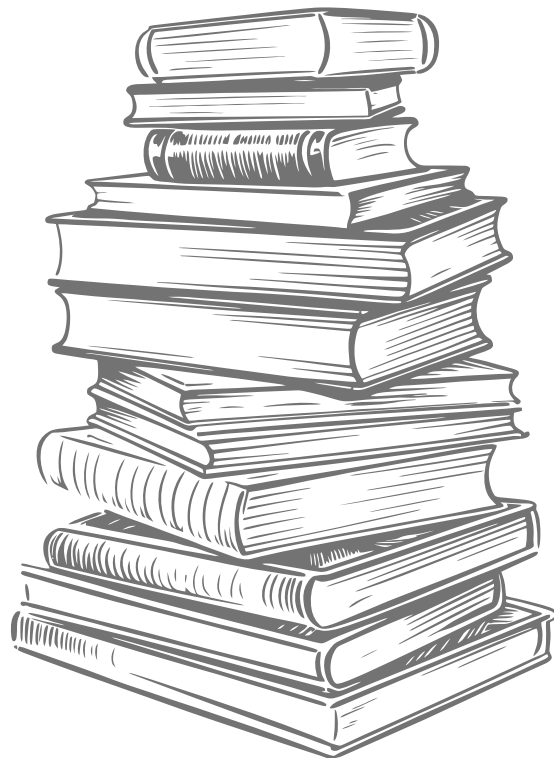
Confessions by Augustine

Surprised by Joy by C.S. Lewis

The Autobiography of George Muller

Amazing Grace by Eric Metaxas

Crazy Love by Francis Chan





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SUGGESTED READING FOR 10TH

10th Grade

English-World Literature:

Night by Elie Wiesel

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba

Bryan Mealer Lord of the Flies by William Golding

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

History:

Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Bible:

7 Men by Eric Metaxas

7 Women by Eric Metaxas

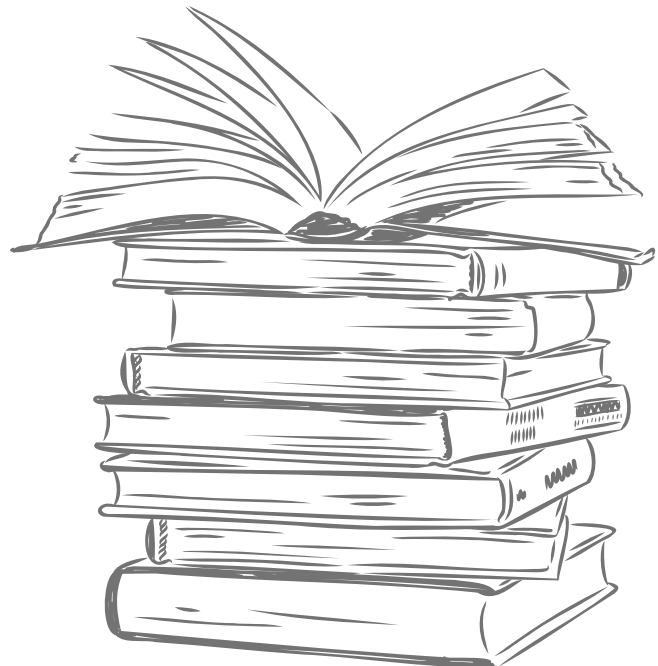
The Secular Creed by Rebecca McLaughlin

The Unfolding Mystery by Edmond Clowney

If God, then What? By Andrew Wilson

Becoming Elizabeth Elliot by Ellen Vaughn

Another Gospel by Alisa Childers





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SUGGESTED READING FOR 11TH

11th Grade

English- American Literature:

1984 by George Orwell

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne

History:

George Washington's Secret Six by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger

Johnstown Flood by David McCullough

Bible:

Mere Christianity by C.S. Lewis

The Secular Creed by Rebecca McLaughlin

Knowing God by J.I. Packer

Suffering Is Never Nothing by Elizabeth Elliot

Joni: An Unforgettable Story by Joni Earekson Tada

Is God a Moral Monster? By Paul Copan

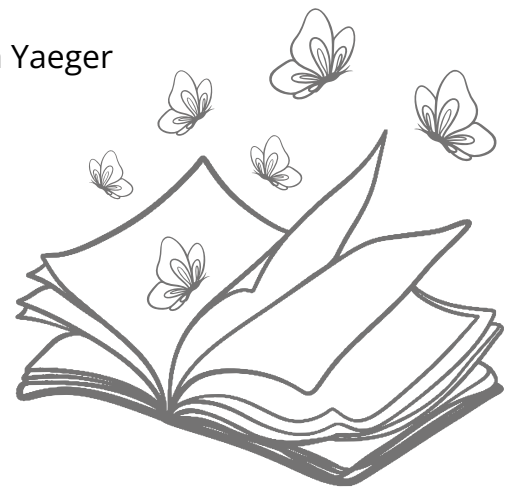
Making Sense of God by Timothy Keller

Fierce Convictions: The Extraordinary Life of Hannah More by Karen Swallow Prior

Leaders Eat Last by Simon Sinek

Extreme Ownership – U.S. Navy Seals Lead and Win by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin

The 5 Levels of Leadership by John Maxwell



Business & Personal Finance:

How to Win Friends & Influence People by Dale Carnegie

The 7 Habits of Highly Successful People by Stephen Covey

Entreleadership by Dave Ramsey

Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey

The Lean Start-Up by Eric Ries

Everyday Millionaires by Chris Hogan

Anointed for Business by How to Use Your Influence in the Marketplace to Change the World
by Ed Silvano

Secrets of Closing the Sale by Zig Ziglar



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SUGGESTED READING FOR 12TH

12th Grade

English- British Literature:

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

Pilgrim's Progress by John Bunyan

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Lewis Stevenson

Bible:

Reason for God by Timothy Keller

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Joy Unspeakable by Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Joni: An Unforgettable Story by Joni Earekson Tada

Chance or the Dance by Thomas Howard

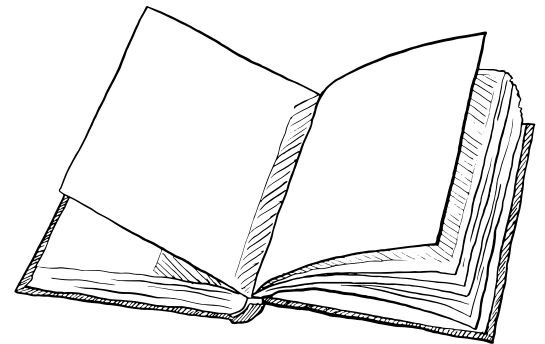
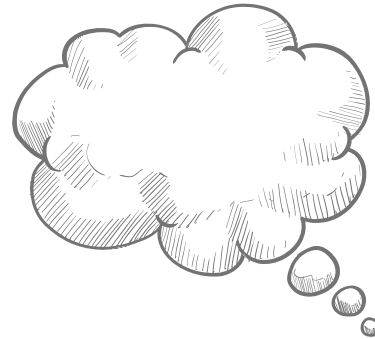
Strange New World by Carl Trueman

Holy Sexuality by Christopher Yuan

Suffering Is Never Nothing by Elizabeth Elliot

Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Nabeel Qureshi

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