



## Required Summer Reading Rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades-Summer 2024

Reading through the summer is an important part of being a Veritas student. Summer is long and we don't want learning to stop just because we have time away from school. "Students who read during the summer gain an average of 1 month of reading proficiency. Students who don't lose an average of 2-3 months proficiency and over time, those lost months add up to years."(Booksource) Reading expands a student's vocabulary and comprehension and leads to better writing skills. Students who read more serious literature also gain skills in handling complex ideas. The more they read, the more information they retain. This leads to a solid core of knowledge that is useful across the curriculum. We expect that students will continue to dive into reading as they do during the school year. We suggest that families set an expectation and structure at the beginning of the summer to ensure that reading and writing are happening daily.

To help students get ready for the next grade level, the following titles have been selected by the faculty for students to read over the summer. **The assigned book is required for students to read before the first day of school begins.** We recommend that students wait to read their assigned book until closer to the end of summer break. Students should expect that they will have discussion and some type of assessment on this book within the first week of school.

It is not necessary to purchase a copy of the required reading. The public library will most likely have the book for checkout. To ensure you have the correct version please reference the ISBN included below and be sure that the ISBN matches. The links provided below will also take you to Amazon if you wish to purchase the book.

### Required Titles by Grade Level

(click on the book title to make sure you have the correct version of the book)

2<sup>nd</sup>- [Trumpet of the Swan](#) by EB White

ISBN 10: 0064408671/ISBN 13: 978-0064408677

3<sup>rd</sup>- [Stuart Little](#) by EB White

ISBN 10: 0064400565/ISBN 13: 978-0064400565

4<sup>th</sup>- [The Story of King Arthur & His Knights](#) (Classic Starts) Retold from the Howard Pyle original

ISBN10: 1402725345/ISBN13: 978-1402725340

5<sup>th</sup>- [Sign of the Beaver](#) by Elizabeth George Speare

ISBN10: 9780547577111/ISBN13: 978-0547577111

6<sup>th</sup>- [Children of the Covered Wagon](#) by Mary Jane Carr

ISBN10: 1932971505/ ISBN13: 978-1932971507

7<sup>th</sup> - [Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring](#) by J.R.R Tolkien

ISBN10: 0547928211/ISBN13: 978-0547928210

8<sup>th</sup> - [Outcast](#) by Rosemary Sutcliff

ISBN10: 0374456739/ ISBN13: 978-0374456733

9<sup>th</sup> - [Frankenstein](#) by Mary Shelley

ISBN10: 0486282112/ ISBN13: 978-0486282114

10<sup>th</sup> - [The Cost of Discipleship](#) by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

ISBN10: 0684815001/ ISBN13: 978-0684815008

11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - [Orthodoxy](#) by GK Chesterton

ISBN10: 153599567X/ ISBN13: 978-1535995672

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