

CCHS Underclassman Reading List (rising Freshmen and Sophomores)

All students at CCHS are *required* to complete the summer reading assignment each year. Choose one choice selection, read it completely, and be prepared to write reflectively on one of the questions below. This writing assignment will occur during the first week of school.

- Does the book move you personally to seek after God more, or less?
- What would you say is the fundamental “worldview” of the author?
- How does the worldview of the book compare or contrast with biblical Christianity?
- How and where, specifically, does the Bible speak to issues raised in the book?
- Should Christians read this book? At what age? Why or why not?
- Summarize the author’s message, as demonstrated in the entire book.

Choice Selection—choose a selection from this list to read independently

Amazing Grace—Eric Metaxas	Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy—Eric Metaxas
Ben Hur: A Tale of the Christ—Lew Wallace	Billy Budd, Sailor—Herman Melville
The Bridge of San Luis Rey—Thornton Wilder	The Chosen—Chaim Potok
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court—Mark Twain	The Cost of Discipleship—Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Don Quixote de la Mancha—Miguel de Cervantes	Emma—Jane Austen
Foxe’s Book of Martyrs—John Foxe	Far From the Maddening Crowd—Thomas Hardy
Here I Stand: A Life of Martin Luther—Roland Bainton	Great Expectations—Charles Dickens
Jane Eyre—Charlotte Bronte	The Hiding Place—Corrie Ten Boom
My Antonia—Willa Cather	Les Miserables (Abridged Edition)—Victor Hugo (ISBN 9780449911679)
Sense and Sensibility—Jane Austen	Rebecca—Daphne du Maurier
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight—translated by J.R.R. Tolkien	The Once and Future King—T.H. White
Up From Slavery & Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass—Booker T. Washington/Frederick Douglass	Through Gates of Splendor—Elisabeth Elliot
Silas Marner—George Eliot	Uncle Tom’s Cabin—Harriet Beecher Stowe
Cry, the Beloved Country—Alan Paton	A Circle of Quiet—Madeleine L’Engle
The Jungle Books—Rudyard Kipling	The Iliad—Homer
Any novel by Charles Dickens (except <u>A Tale of Two Cities</u>)	Gulliver’s Travels—Jonathan Swift
Richard III—William Shakespeare	Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson
Discipline: The Glad Surrender—Elisabeth Elliot	Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

Bible Selection—I/II Samuel

Please read the Bible selection and complete the questions provided for the assigned book(s). Bring your typed responses for each of these questions to your Bible class during the first week of school.

Students may not read the same book twice.