

# NEW COVENANT schools

## Summer Reading List: Grade 12

All rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will read a **non-fiction book** chosen in consultation with a thesis advisor, take notes as they read, and write a 3-5 page source report. This assignment is detailed in a packet given at the end of the junior year.

In addition, all rising 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must read **one novel** from the following list. No summary, essay, or comprehension questions are required for this novel, but students are to expect a writing assignment on their chosen novel in the first week of their literature class.

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

a dystopian science fiction novel about a future in which books are burned as dangerous and troubling

*Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper

an early American classic, an adventure story about a skilled woodsman and his adoptive Mohican family in the French and Indian war

*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

a novel of fear and courage in the Civil War, about a young man who enlists but wonders if he will stand or flee in the heat of battle

*Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky

the great Russian classic about a philosophical young man who attempts to live by his nihilistic philosophy, the guilt that results from this, and the long cat-and-mouse game to get him to confess

*To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

an oft-beloved modern classic about racial prejudice and justice in early 20<sup>th</sup> century South

*The Old Man and the Sea* by Earnest Hemingway

a Cuban fisherman on a losing streak battles the elements to bring in the biggest catch of his life

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

a Mexican diver finds a valuable pearl in the ocean and learns that treasure is not always a good thing

*Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

a short novel about a forbidden love and its unhappy consequences

Students are encouraged to read more than one novel from this list and will receive extra credit and house points for reading additional books if a short summary of the book is turned in at the beginning of the school year. Any student who reads **at least three** of the novels will be eligible to receive a gift certificate to Givens Books.

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