

NEW COVENANT schools

Summer Reading List: Grade 12

All rising 12th 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 12th grade students must read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee an oft-beloved modern classic about racial prejudice and justice in early 20th century South. No summary, essay, or comprehension questions are required for this novel, but students are to expect a writing assignment in the first week of their literature class.

In addition, 12th grade students are encouraged to read additional books from the following list:

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

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

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.

Please email Mr. Forshey (jforshey@newcovenantschools.org) if you have any questions about the assignment.