

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 twelfth 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. This book was handed out at the end of eleventh grade, and it is for students to use and keep. 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 Ms. Baker at sbaker@newcovenantschools.org if you have any questions about the assignment.