



OAK MOUNTAIN
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**Oak Mountain Academy
Upper School Summer Reading List 2018**

9th Grade

Welcome to the Upper School! As entering freshmen, you will find yourself immersed in the world of literature like never before! You will be reading texts over the course of the summer that we will discuss and reference throughout the entire year. These reading assignments are intended to prepare you for the kinds of literature that we will be reading during the coming school year. Please be sure to complete the entire project; all of your work will be due on the first day of school. I would suggest printing your work two days prior to be sure there are no issues with ink, printers, etc.

Required Texts:

The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne

Optional Texts: Choose at least one of the following texts.

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck
Lord of the Flies, William Golding
Animal Farm, George Orwell
Wuthering Heights, Emily Bronte
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
Our Town, Thornton Wilder
Death of a Salesman, Arthur Miller
Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
The Outsiders, S.E. Hinton

Reading Assignments: Required Texts

Write a one-page summary that explores the history of *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne. What is the setting? What are the religious beliefs of the characters during the time period and place setting?

Write a one-page essay that identifies what you believe to be the theme of *The Great Gatsby* by Fitzgerald text. Remember, symbols point to various themes. Be sure to fully support your writing with textual evidence.

Compose a list of at least 5 questions per **required** text that you would like to discuss in class.

10th Grade (with ISBN numbers)

All read:

Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird* (978-0060935467)

Choose one:

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby* (978-0743273565)

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter* (978-0486280486)

Salinger, J.D. *The Catcher in the Rye* (978-0316769174)

Vonnegut, Kurt. *Slaughterhouse Five* (978-0812988529)

AP Language (with ISBN numbers)

All read:

Krakauer, Jon. *Into the Wild* (978-0385486804)

Choose One:

Cahill, Thomas. *How the Irish Saved Civilization* (978-0385418492)

Frankl, Victor. *Man's Search for Meaning*, Part One (978-0807014295)

Hurston, Zora Neale. *Dust Tracks on a Road* (978-0060854089)

Winchester, Simon. *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* (978-0060839789)

AP Literature (with ISBN numbers)

All read:

Twain, Mark. *Huckleberry Finn* (978-0486280615)

Choose Two:

Dostoyevsky, Fyodor. *Crime and Punishment* (978-0486454115)

Golding, William. *Lord of the Flies* (978-1573226127)

Heller, Joseph. *Catch-22* (978-1451626650)

Shelley, Mary. *Frankenstein* (978-0486282114)

Voltaire, Francoise-Marie Arouet. *Candide* (978-0486266893)