

High School Summer Reading Program
American Literature Year 2017-2018
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This summer, you must read a minimum of 1500 pages. You can choose to read any book you want, but you will be awarded extra credit if you choose from the recommended list below.

For every book that you read, you must fill out the book report form (see the next page) or do a creative book response. Some possibilities include a book recommendation, a letter to a friend about the book, a 3-D project or a comic strip. Responses should be complete, at grade level, and show what the book was about and what your response to the book was. Did it make you happy or sad? Did it give you something to think about or another point of view to understand? Engage with your reading. Think and respond to it.

Extra Credit:

1. If you read a minimum of 250 pages from *The Bible*, they will count as double pages double pages and 2 extra points on your fall or spring semester grade. (Grades above 100 will not be awarded.)
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3. For each book that you read from the recommended list below, you can earn extra credit points on your semester grade: ½ pt for every book under 500 pages and 1 point for books over 500 pages, up to 3 extra credit points per semester.

My recommended list:

Anything by John Steinbeck **EXCEPT** Of Mice and Men

Anything by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Henry James, James Fenimore Cooper, Lew Wallace, Sinclair Lewis, James Thurber, Isaac Asimov, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, O. Henry, Edith Wharton or Mark Twain

1984 by George Orwell

Anything by Edgar Allen Poe EXCEPT “The Cask of Amontillado” and “The Black Cat”

Anything by Ray Bradbury **EXCEPT** Fahrenheit 451

The Andromeda Strain by Michael Crichton

My Antonia by Willa Cather

The Scarlet Letter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

The Call of the Wild by Jack London

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Moby Dick by Herman Melville

Penalties: If you have not turned in your book reports with a minimum of 1500 total pages by the first day of school, you will stay for an hour after school every Tuesday until you complete the requirement and up to 3 points will be taken off of your semester grade for lateness.

9-10 Book Report Form

Title: _____

Author: _____

Page: _____ **Date book was completed:** _____

Parent Signature: _____

Write a summary of the book below in five or more sentences:

What did you like most about this book? What did you dislike most?

What did you learn from this book? List a life lesson or insight you gained.
