



## 8th Grade Summer Reading

**Required:** *The Hiding Place* by Corrie ten Boom

**Choose one of the following:**

- *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring, The Two Towers, or The Return of The King* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Watership Down* by Richard Adams (This book counts as two)
- *Persuasion* by Jane Austen
- *The Ball and the Cross* by G.K. Chesterton
- *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Arthur Conan Doyle
- *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley
- *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton
- *True Grit* by Charles Portis
- *The Boys in the Boat (Original or Young Reader's Edition)* by Daniel James Brown
- *Hidden Figures (Original or Young Reader's Edition)* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *Unbroken (Original or Young Reader's Edition)* by Laura Hillenbrand

**Read one additional book of your choice.** You should choose a book that is both enjoyable and an appropriate challenge. A list of recommendations is provided below. Email Mr. Proffitt ([tproffitt@stonehavenschool.org](mailto:tproffitt@stonehavenschool.org)) if you would like additional suggestions.

*Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

*Emma* by Jane Austen

*Nathan Coulter* by Wendell Berry

*Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry

*The Man Who Was Thursday* by G.K. Chesterton

*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

*Robinson Crusoe* by Daniel Defoe

*Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens

*The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas

*Silas Marner* by George Eliot

*Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

*Moses, Man on the Mountain* by Zora Neale Hurston

*Captains Courageous* by Rudyard Kipling

*A Separate Peace* by John Knowles

*The President Has Been Shot* by James Swanson

*The Duel* by Judith St. George

*Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson

*Out of the Silent Planet* by C.S. Lewis

*Perelandra* by C.S. Lewis

*The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis

*Pudd'nhead Wilson* by Mark Twain

*The Chosen* by Chaim Potok

*The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

### Nonfiction

*Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis

*The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* by Frederick Douglass

*The Diary of Anne Frank* by Anne Frank

*Brave Companions* by David McCullough

*In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick

You should not choose a book that you have already read. For each book, students should identify three quotations that are either: significant to the story, convicting or compelling to you personally, or interesting in some other way. As you read, pay careful attention to character development and conflict. Practice active reading by reviewing regularly with your parents, noting significant ideas, and keeping a running list of lingering questions.

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