

LOS ANGELES BAPTIST

SUMMER READING PROGRAM - 2009

LAB's summer reading program is designed to enrich and broaden the reading of LAB students, and to reinforce the college preparatory curriculum of the English Department. All students must participate in the program by reading the required novels for their grade level. During the first weeks of school, students are expected to participate in class discussions and projects, write in-depth essays based on novels read during the summer, and be prepared for objective tests on the novels. Grades earned will be reflected on the report card. Students may also choose to read additional novels for extra credit.

6th GRADE – Summer reading is not required.

7th GRADE:

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths, by Ingrid & Edgar D'Aulaire, gives a student-friendly comprehensive background of the myths which have inspired much literature and art through the ages. These stories give great insight into modern culture.

8th GRADE:

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry is Mildred D. Taylor's moving novel set in Mississippi during the Depression. It tells of an African-American family's passionate determination not to be beaten down as they fight for physical and spiritual survival.

The Bronze Bow, by Elizabeth George Speare, is the exciting story of a young zealot desiring to bring in the Kingdom of God by force. In the course of his adventures, Daniel meets Jesus and finds the Lord's teaching radically different and life changing.

9th GRADE:

The Hiding Place, by Corrie ten Boom, tells the story of Corrie and her sister Betsie who had been sent to a concentration camp for helping the Jews. We experience the profound horrors of their experience and are challenged by their love and courage as they continue to demonstrate Christ's love to others.

Ender's Game, by Orson Scott Card, is a coming of age story set in a future society threatened by alien invasion.

10th GRADE:

Jane Eyre, by Charlotte Bronte, follows Jane and her adoption into a loveless family, to boarding school, to her sudden secret identity when she runs away.

Watership Down, by Richard Adams, tells a tale of animal heroes. After one of them has a vision of their home covered with blood, this maverick band sets out on a quest for a new home, a better society.

11th GRADE:

Of Mice and Men, by John Steinbeck, concerns the friendship between two migrant workers in the Depression Era in California.

The Great Gatsby, by F. Scott Fitzgerald, examines the dreams and disappointments of the Roaring Twenties.

HONORS 11 STUDENTS ALSO READ:

Moby-Dick, by Herman Melville, is the great American novel of whaling, revenge and man's search for ultimate truth. For the summer, students are to read Chapters 1-22, 26-31, 36-44, 46-54, 61, 64.

12th GRADE:

Peace Like a River, by Leif Enger, sends a family on a journey that challenges our ideas of justice, sacrifice, and miracle.

Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austin, is an entertaining look at love and marriage in a very different era.

HONORS 12 STUDENTS ALSO READ:

Perelandra, by C.S. Lewis, is a theological adventure story of a world in danger.

THE FOLLOWING NOVELS MAY BE READ FOR EXTRA CREDIT. The test date and time for extra credit reading will be announced in class. Students may read one, two or all extra credit novels for their grade level.

7th GRADE: (Students may read up to two novels for extra credit)

The King's Shadow by Elizabeth Alder

The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

The Hidden Treasure of Glaston by Eleanore M. Jewett

Mara, Daughter of the Nile by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

8th GRADE:

Hinds' Feet on High Places by Hannah Hurnard

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare

The Giver by Lois Lowry

Holes by Louis Sachar

9th GRADE:

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle

This Present Darkness by Frank Peretti

10th GRADE:

My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok

A Death in the Family by James Agee

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

11th GRADE:

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Night by Elie Wiesel

Absalom, Absalom by William Faulkner

East of Eden by John Steinbeck

Moby-Dick by Herman Melville (non-honors)

12th GRADE: (Seniors may read up to three novels for extra credit.)

Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

The Plague by Albert Camus

All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy

Perelandra by C.S. Lewis (non-honors)