

**LOS ANGELES BAPTIST**  
**SUMMER READING PROGRAM - 2010**

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.

**6<sup>th</sup> GRADE – Summer reading is not required.**

**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE:**

**Tuck Everlasting, by Natalie Babbitt,** tells of the Tuck family's terrible secret that dooms them to live apart from the rest of society. When Winnie Foster discovers their secret, it changes her life forever. Mankind has always been fascinated by the idea of living forever on earth. Babbitt explores some of the frightening possibilities in this short novel.

**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 situation 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:**

**Lord of the Flies** by William Golding. In this epic tale of survival, a group of English schoolboys are plane wrecked on a deserted island where they attempt to govern themselves.

**A Separate Peace,** by John Knowles, is a tale of friendship, betrayal and redemption set in a 1940's boarding school.

**11th GRADE:**

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

**Their Eyes Were Watching God,** by Zora Neale Hurston, chronicles Janie Crawford's search for her own identity through three remarkable relationships.

**HONORS 11 STUDENTS ALSO READ:**

**The Scarlett Letter,** by Nathaniel Hawthorne, recounts a powerful story of passion, revenge and redemption in Puritan New England. Students may omit the lengthy introduction entitled "The Custom House."

## **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 Austen, 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 all extra credit novels for their grade level, unless otherwise indicated.

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

**The King's Shadow** by Elizabeth Alder

**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

## **9th GRADE:**

**Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury

**Hound of the Baskervilles** by Arthur Conan Doyle

**This Present Darkness** by Frank Peretti

## **10th GRADE:**

**Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Bronte

**Watership Down** by Richard Adams

**My Antonia** by Willa Cather

**The Chosen** by Chaim Potok

## **11th GRADE: (Juniors may read up to two novels for extra credit.)**

**Uncle Tom's Cabin** by Harriet Beecher Stowe

**Night** by Elie Wiesel

**East of Eden** by John Steinbeck

**My Name is Asher Lev** by Chaim Potok

**The Code of the Woosters** by P.G. Wodehouse

## **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

**The Mayor of Casterbridge** by Thomas Hardy

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