

## River City Believers Academy High School Required Reading List 2009-2010

Each English class has required reading during the school year. However, research indicates that the more a student reads the better he is prepared for the higher education. Therefore, we are requiring and rewarding summer and extracurricular reading.

Below you will find a list of some books available. Our desire is for RCBA students to develop positive reading habits and to realize the great advantage of being consistent readers and exposing themselves to a variety of subjects, styles, and authors both from the past and the present. There are many great books that will appeal to high school students.

\*\*\*Required assignment for returning students: To foster a life-long love of reading, we are **requiring that each student read two books during the summer break.** The student will then write a book review for each book--one to two typed pages which includes a summary of the plot and a personal response to the book (what the student learned from the book, whether or not he liked the book, observations etc.). As an alternative assignment, students may choose to design a poster summarizing the plot as well as express a personal response to the book. The poster will be orally presented to the class. These assignments will be due by the first week of school.

(Any additional books read and reported on will receive extra credit.) New students will be given an extended time frame to complete the assignment)

### **Contemporary Fiction**

*Redeeming Love* or other works by Francine Rivers

*Showdown* by Ted Dekker

*Julie* by Catherine Marshall

*Get a Life: Clearwater Crossing #1* by Laura Peyton Roberts

*Their Eyes were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

*Christy* by Catherine Marshall

*Bleachers* by John Grisham

*Sweetwater Gap* "Women of Faith Series" by Denise Hunter

Novels from the Mitford Series by Jan Karon

*The Ezekial Option* by Joel Rosenberg

### **Classics**

*House of Seven Gables* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

*Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte

*The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexander Dumas Series

*The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

*Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo

*Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

*The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane

*Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

*Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte

*Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen

*Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison

*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

*Ben Hur* by Lew Wallace

*The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank

### **Science Fiction/Fantasy**

*When the Sky Fell* by Lynch and Barr

*Tuck* by Stephen Lawhead

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

*Children of Hurine* by J.R.R. Tolkien

*Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury

*The Lord of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien

### **Historical Fiction**

*Leviathan* by James Byron Huggins

Novels from the Savannah Quartet by Eugenia Price

*1776* by David McCullough

*Dear and Glorious Physician* by Taylor Caldwell

*Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers

*Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott

*Treasure Island, Kidnapped, or Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson

Novels from the Zion Chronicles or **Zion Covenant** by Bodie Thoene

*The Centurian's Wife*, Acts of Faith Series #1 by Davis Bunn/Janette Oke

### **Non-Fiction**

*Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller

*The Bible Jesus Read* by Phillip Yancey

*Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis

*Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore

*Everyday Risks to Talk to People about Jesus* by Lee Stroebel

*90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don Piper and Cecil Murphy

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