

Crossroads Academy

Incoming Seventh Grade Required Summer Reading

1. Read *The Sword in the Stone* (Book I of *The Once and Future King*) by T.H. White. This book is available on loan from Crossroads Academy; contact Mr. Glazer if you would like to borrow a copy. **Please read this book carefully, with close attention to the various and curious aspects of The Wart's education.**
2. Read *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London. This book is available on loan from Crossroads Academy; contact Mr. Glazer if you would like to borrow a copy. **I strongly recommend that students read this book in August, as it will be the first novel discussed in English 7 class in the fall.**
3. Read a **biography (or autobiography)** of a heroic person who lived at any time from the American Civil War to World War II. The subject of this book must be an individual who actually lived, not a character in a story. The person you choose may represent any area of expertise, including science, mathematics, literature, music, art, or politics.

A heroic person is an individual who promoted real change for the good of the world during his or her time period, and lived an exemplary life by practicing essential virtues, such as perseverance, courage, justice, honesty, or self-discipline. A few examples include Harriet Tubman, Eleanor Roosevelt, Alexander Graham Bell, and John Muir.

Please bring a copy of this book with you for the first two weeks of school, as this book will serve as the subject of your first major composition assignment.

4. Reading is the cornerstone of scholarship and academic success. Read at least one additional full-length novel of your choice.
5. **Required Reading Response:** You will keep a record of your reading on the attached form. If you read more than the required books, attach a list of titles and authors to this form. **Please be sure the form is filled out completely and bring it with you to English class on the first day of school.**
6. Please note that you will receive a grade for your summer reading. If you read the minimum number of four books you will receive a grade of B. **Reading more than the basic requirement of four books and recording what you read will help you to earn a grade above the basic B.**

Crossroads Academy Required Summer Reading Form

_____ has completed the following summer reading:
(Student's Name)

1. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

2. Title: _____ Author: _____

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6. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

7. Title: _____ Author: _____

Date Completed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____