

Please read the following texts before returning to school in the fall:

GRADE	ENGLISH	RELIGION
7th	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> (L'Engle)	<i>A Teen's Game Plan for Life</i> (Holtz)
8th	<i>Refugee</i> (Gratz)	<i>A Gentle Thunder</i> (Lucado)
9th	<i>Z For Zachariah</i> (O'Brien) OR <i>Uglies</i> (Westerfeld) OR <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> (Bradbury)	<i>The Five People You Meet in Heaven</i> (Albom)
10th	<i>And Then There Were None</i> (Christie) OR <i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> (Doyle)	<i>Dare to be More: The Witness of Blessed Carlo Acutis</i> (Swain)
11th*	<i>The Alchemist</i> (Coelho)	<i>Have a Little Faith</i> (Albom)
12th*	<i>This I Believe</i> OR <i>This I Believe II</i> (Allison & Gediman, Eds)	<i>The Stranger in the Life Boat</i> (Albom) - Religion IV <i>The 5-Minute Prayer Fix</i> (Stone) - Discipleship

English and Religion teachers will expect you to have read and annotated works in preparation for an essay or exam in the first few days of school. Students 7th-8th grade will take an AR test on their required books.

ASSIGNMENT OVERVIEW:

- **READ** your selection. You may purchase the book or borrow it from the library (oplib.org).
- Although we don't *require* you to annotate, **a strong reader is an active reader**. Make marginal notes, or use post-it notes. Keep a reading journal.
- Each student will **test** on the required text and/or complete a **reflective assignment** to demonstrate knowledge of the book. Prepare for an open-book **in-class essay** on one of the following prompts:
 - Why do you believe the book is an award-winner, or might it be considered a "classic"?
 - Should the book be *required* reading? Why or why not?
 - How does the book relate to your own life? In what way(s) do you identify with the content or characters?

*11th/12th Students (Honors/AP/DE/IB):

You are to read the selection above PLUS at least one more. Choose your own book (nonfiction, fiction, drama, or poetry). DO NOT reread a book from the school curriculum. To ensure quality, please select from one of the following lists:

- [Goodreads - Best Books of 2024](#)
- [National Book Award](#)
- [Pulitzer Prize for Fiction](#)
- [Man Booker Prize Winners](#) ([Booker Prizes](#))
- [Hugo Award](#)
- [Powell's Books Award Winning Books](#)

You will be asked to discuss your honors selection in an informal, in-class response paper.