Required Reading List

Students shall read eight of the following books as part of their required course work for English credits, beginning as freshmen. Students entering Jackson Christian Schools in later grades will be required to do two for every year they are in the school. Students will do one per semester, or receive an Incomplete for the English credit until the work is done. Note that some of the books are part of the regular literature curriculum and will be done in the course of normal school work.

To validate the reading of the books, students shall pass the Accelerated Reader test on the book with at least a 60%, and turn in a two-page book report (page and a half typed, double spaced, one inch margins) to their current English teacher. The book report must receive at least an eighty percent as graded on the standard book report form. The English department makes available to students a written explanation of how the books should be done; it is available in school and on the school’s website. A list of the books will be kept in each student’s file for teachers to mark off the date when each book is satisfactorily completed.

The reading list is as follows:

- Brave New World, Aldous Huxley
- Brothers Karamazov, Dostoevski
- Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain
- Knowing God, J. I. Packer
- Lord of the Flies, William Golding (11th Grade)
- Macbeth, William Shakespeare (12th Grade)
- Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare (9th Grade)
- Mere Christianity, C. S. Lewis
- The Origin of Species, Charles Darwin
- Pilgrim’s Progress, John Bunyan
- Pride and Prejudice, Jane Austen
- The Prince, Machiavelli
- The Scarlet Letter, Nathaniel Hawthorne
- A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens
- To Kill a Mockingbird, Lee (10th Grade)
- Undaunted Courage, Stephen Ambrose
- The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt, Edmund Morris
- John Adams, David McCullough
- All’s Quiet on the Western Front, E. R. Remarque
- Black Like Me, John Howard Griffin
- Jane Eyre, Charlotte Bronte
- The Odyssey, Homer
- Little Women, Louisa May Alcott
- Uncle Tom’s Cabin, Harriet Beecher Stowe
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Jules Verne
- Robinson Crusoe, Daniel Defoe
- Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
- The Longest Day, Cornelius Ryan
- 1984, George Orwell
- Great Expectations, Charles Dickens (9th Grade)
- Up from Slavery, Booker T. Washington
- The Fellowship of the Ring, J. R. R. Tolkien
- Call of the Wild, Jack London