



# Gerstell Academy

## Upper School Summer Reading List

### 2010



**REQUIRED SUMMER READING BOOKS MUST BE COMPLETED  
BY THE OPENING DAY OF SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER.**

The Upper School Summer reading program begins with a required reading task for the summer and is comprised of a wide array of genres and reading levels. The minimum summer reading requirement is to complete (a) **the three required books** and (b) one additional book from the resource list, for a total of four books. Please note that you may not choose a selection you have previously read for either summer reading or semester reading assignments.

The reading selection list is broken down by areas of leadership or virtues. Every student should be able to find books that are both enjoyable and will broaden their leadership horizons. Each student is required to complete a short reflection about each book read that will be submitted to their Advisor on or before the first day of classes. A direct link to this reflection document can be found on the school's website at [www.gerstell.org](http://www.gerstell.org) under **Parent Information** from the *Quick Links* menu. Books from the list below are available in local libraries and most bookstores, with many available in paperback form.



## **THREE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS**



### **ENTERING THE 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Gerstell Academy ~ *Book of Knowledge*

Leadership Selection: Marx, Jeffery ~ *A Season of Life*

English Selection: Steinbeck, John ~ *Of Mice and Men*

**P L U S**

**ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK FROM THE RESOURCE LIST**



## **THREE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS**



### **ENTERING THE 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Gerstell Academy ~ *Book of Knowledge*

Leadership Selection: Ripken, Cal ~ *The Only Way I Know*

English Selection: Knowles, John ~ *A Separate Peace*

**P L U S**

**ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK FROM THE RESOURCE LIST**



## **THREE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS**



### **ENTERING THE 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

Gerstell Academy ~ *Book of Knowledge*

Leadership Selection: Coyle, Daniel ~ *Talent Code: Unlocking the Secret of Skill in Sports, Art, Music, Math, and Just About Anything*

English Selection: Hansberry, Lorraine ~ *A Raisin in the Sun*

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEADERSHIP</b></p> <p>Ambrose, Stephen ~ <i>Band of Brothers</i>            Bowden, Mark ~ <i>Black Hawk Down</i>            Sides, Hampton ~ <i>Ghost Soldiers</i>            The Freedom Writers and Erin Gruwell ~ <i>The Freedom Writers Diary</i>            Perkins, Dennis ~ <i>Leading at the Edge (Leadership Lessons from the Extraordinary Saga of Shackleton's Antarctic Expedition)</i>            Golding, William ~ <i>Lord of the Flies</i>            Felix Atonia ~ <i>Sonia Sotomayor: True American Dream</i>            O'Brien, Patrick ~ <i>Master and Commander</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COURAGE</b></p> <p>Armstrong, Lance ~ <i>It's Not About the Bike</i>            Angers, Trent ~ <i>The Forgotten Hero of My Lai, The Hugh Thompson Story</i>            King, Martin Luther ~ <i>Why We Can't Wait</i>            Krisher, Trudy ~ <i>Spite Fences</i>            Sender, Ruth Minsky ~ <i>The Cage</i>            Swift, Jonathan ~ <i>Gulliver's Travels</i>            Tolkein, J.R.R. ~ <i>The Lord of the Rings (series)</i>            Brown, Dee ~ <i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee</i>            Fast, Howard ~ <i>Spartacus</i>            Davis, Nuel Pharr ~ <i>Lawrence and Oppenheimer</i>            Newcomb, Richard ~ <i>Iwo Jima</i>            Ellison, Ralph ~ <i>Invisible Man</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HONOR</b></p> <p>Webb, James ~ <i>A Sense of Honor</i>            Krogh, Egil ~ <i>Integrity: Good People, Bad Choices and Life Lessons from the White House</i>            Cooper, James Fennimore ~ <i>The Last of the Mohicans</i>            Bok, Sissela ~ <i>Lying: Moral Choice in Public and Private Life</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRITICAL THINKING</b></p> <p>Orwell, George ~ <i>1984</i>            Adams, Richard ~ <i>Watership Down</i>            Huxley, Aldous ~ <i>Brave New World</i>            Heller, Joseph ~ <i>Catch 22</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PERSEVERANCE</b></p> <p>Remarque, Erich Maria ~ <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>            Gibson, William ~ <i>The Miracle Worker</i>            Martel, Yann ~ <i>The Life of Pi</i>            Hemingway, Ernest ~ <i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>            Steinbeck, John ~ <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>            Zimmerman Robert ~ <i>The Universe in a Mirror: The Saga of the Hubble Space Telescope and the Visionaries Who Built It</i>            Coffey, Wayne ~ <i>Boys of Winter</i>            Smith, Betty ~ <i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>            Heath, Chip &amp; Dan ~ <i>Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die</i>            Nazario, Sonia ~ <i>Enrique's Journey</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELF-AWARENESS</b></p> <p>Austen, Jane ~ <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>            Frankl, Victor ~ <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i>            Homer ~ <i>The Odyssey</i>            Sun-Tzu ~ <i>The Art of War</i>            Hugo, Victor ~ <i>Les Miserables</i>            Asher, Jay ~ <i>13 Reasons Why</i>            Alvarez, Julia ~ <i>Casi Una Mujer</i>            Alvarez, Julia ~ <i>Once Upon a Quinceañera</i>            Soto, Gary ~ <i>Taking Sides</i>            Santiago, Esmeralda ~ <i>When I was Puerto Rican</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JUSTICE</b></p> <p>Beals, Melba Pattillo ~ <i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>            Bell, William ~ <i>Forbidden City</i>            Cox, Clinton ~ <i>Fiery Vision: The Life and Death of John Brown</i>            Dostoevsky, Fyodor ~ <i>Crime and Punishment</i>            Sanson, CJ ~ <i>Winter in Madrid</i>            Gaines, Ernest J. ~ <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CITIZENSHIP</b></p> <p>Douglass, Frederick ~ <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave</i>            Nelson, Marilyn ~ <i>Carver: A Life in Poems</i>            Catherine D. Bowen ~ <i>Miracle at Philadelphia</i>            Collier &amp; Collier ~ <i>Decision in Philadelphia</i>            DuBois, W.E.B. ~ <i>Souls of Black Folks</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SINCERITY/COMPASSION</b></p> <p>Bronte, Emily ~ <i>Wuthering Heights</i>            Sedgwick, Catharine Maria ~ <i>Hope Leslie</i>            Mortenson, Greg ~ <i>Three Cups of Tea</i>            Hosseini, Khaled ~ <i>Kite Runner</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RESPONSIBILITY</b></p> <p>Eliot, George ~ <i>Silas Marner</i>            O'Brien, Tim ~ <i>The Things They Carried</i>            Alvarez, Julia ~ <i>In the Time of Butterflies</i>            Zusak, Markus ~ <i>The Book Thief</i></p>