



Gerstell Academy

Upper School Summer Reading 2011



REQUIRED SUMMER READING MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

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. As indicated below, all students are required to review the Book of Knowledge as part of their summer studies.

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. Students may not choose a selection they have previously read for either summer reading or semester reading assignments. 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 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 9TH GRADE

Gerstell Academy ~ *Book of Knowledge*

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

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

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ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK FROM THE SUMMER READING LIST



THREE REQUIRED BOOKS FOR ALL STUDENTS ENTERING THE 10TH GRADE

Gerstell Academy ~ *Book of Knowledge*

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

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

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ONE ADDITIONAL BOOK FROM THE SUMMER READING LIST





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Summer Reading List 2011

Rising 9th and 10th Grade



<p style="text-align: center;">LEADERSHIP</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> Felix Atonia ~ <i>Sonia Sotomayor: True American Dream</i> O'Brien, Patrick ~ <i>Master and Commander</i> Zimmerman Robert ~ <i>The Universe in a Mirror: The Saga of the Hubble Space Telescope and the Visionaries Who Built It</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COURAGE</p> <p>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> Beah, Ishmael ~ <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">HONOR</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;">CRITICAL THINKING</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> Friedman, Thomas ~ <i>The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">PERSEVERANCE</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> Coffey, Wayne ~ <i>Boys of Winter</i> Heath, Chip & Dan ~ <i>Made to Stick: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die</i> Nazario, Sonia ~ <i>Enrique's Journey</i> Homer ~ <i>The Odyssey</i> *Weisel, Elie ~ <i>Night</i>* *Weisel, Elie ~ <i>Dawn</i>* *Must be read together as ONE selection*</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SELF-AWARENESS</p> <p>Austen, Jane ~ <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> Frankl, Victor ~ <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Sun-Tzu ~ <i>The Art of War</i> Hugo, Victor ~ <i>Les Miserables</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> Courtenay, Bruce ~ <i>The Power of One</i> Frankl, Viktor ~ <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Dickens, Charles ~ <i>Great Expectations</i> Frankl, Viktor ~ <i>Man's Search for Meaning</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JUSTICE</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;">CITIZENSHIP</p> <p>Nelson, Marilyn ~ <i>Carver: A Life in Poems</i> Catherine D. Bowen ~ <i>Miracle at Philadelphia</i> Collier & Collier ~ <i>Decision in Philadelphia</i> DuBois, W.E.B. ~ <i>Souls of Black Folks</i> Whitman, Walt ~ <i>Leaves of Grass</i> Friedman, Thomas ~ <i>Longitudes and Attitudes</i> Funder, Anna ~ <i>Stasiland: Stories from Behind the Berlin Wall</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SINCERITY/COMPASSION</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> Paton, Alan ~ <i>Cry the Beloved Country</i> Markandaya, Kamala ~ <i>Nectar in a Sieve</i> Deng, Alphonson ~ <i>They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky</i> Brooks, Geraldine ~ <i>Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RESPONSIBILITY</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> MacMillan, Margaret ~ <i>Paris 1919</i> Diamond, Jarrod ~ <i>Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies</i> Kurlansky, Mark ~ <i>Nonviolence: The History of a Dangerous Idea</i></p>

*Please note that *Night* and *Dawn* by Elie Weisel are both very brief, and therefore must be read together as ONE selection*