

# REQUIRED READING LIST

## Cornerstone Christian High School

(For use by Class of 2021 and beyond)

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Every Cornerstone High School student must read seventy-two of these books to achieve a University Preparatory (UP) Diploma or fifty-seven to receive a General Education (GE) Diploma. Students must also achieve the minimum number listed for their diploma in each category as a requirement for graduation.

(\* Denotes a book students *may* read as part of their regular class work sometime during their four years in high school at CCS.)

### World Literature (*UP/GE: seven*)

Enuma Elish\*  
The Epic of Gilgamesh\*  
Theogony—Hesiod  
The Iliad—Homer \*  
The Odyssey—Homer  
The Analects—Confucius  
Oedipus Rex—Sophocles\*  
The Apology—Plato\*  
The Republic—Plato  
The Art of War—Sun Tzu  
The Aeneid—Vergil\*  
On the Incarnation of God the Word—St.  
Athanasius\*  
The Confessions—St. Augustine  
The City of God—St. Augustine  
The Qur'an—Mohammed  
Inferno—Dante\*  
Paridiso—Dante  
The Imitation of Christ—Thomas a Kempis  
Don Quixote—Cervantes\*  
Cyrano de Begerac—Rostand  
Les Miserables—Hugo\*  
The Hunchback of Notre Dame—Hugo  
The Count of Monte Cristo—Dumas  
The Three Musketeers—Dumas  
The Scarlet Pimpernel—Orckzy  
20,000 Leagues under the Sea—Verne  
(or, Journey to the Center of the Earth)  
(or, Around the World in 80 Days)  
Heidi—Spyri  
Swiss Family Robinson—Wyss  
The Brothers Karamozov—Dostoevsky  
Crime and Punishment—Dostoevsky\*  
War and Peace—Tolstoi  
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich—  
Solzhenitsyn  
The Stranger—Camus

### British Literature (*UP/GE: eight*)

Beowulf\*  
Faerie Queene (vol. 1)—Spenser  
Canterbury Tales—Chaucer

Everyman\*  
The Holy War—Bunyan  
Pilgrim's Progress—Bunyan\*  
Paradise Lost—Milton  
Gulliver's Travels—Swift  
Robinson Crusoe—Defoe  
Ivanhoe—Scott  
Pride and Prejudice—Austen\*  
Sense and Sensibility—Austen  
(or, Persuasions)  
Oliver Twist—Dickens  
David Copperfield—Dickens  
A Tale of Two Cities—Dickens  
Jane Eyre—C. Bronte  
Wuthering Heights—E. Bronte  
Frankenstein—Shelley\*  
Alice in Wonderland—Carroll  
Through the Looking Glass—Carroll  
Kidnapped—Stevenson  
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde—Stevenson  
The Jungle Books—Kipling  
Captains Courageous—Kipling  
A Study in Scarlet—Doyle  
The Hound of the Baskervilles—Doyle  
Vanity Fair—Thackeray  
Scottish Chiefs—Porter  
Lorna Doone—Blackmore  
The Moonstone—Collins  
Phantastes—McDonald  
The Time Machine—Wells  
War of the Worlds—Wells  
Peter Pan—Barrie  
Pygmalion—Shaw  
HMS Pinafore—Gilbert & Sullivan (DVD or live)  
The Man Who Was Thursday—Chesterton  
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd—Christie  
And Then There Were None—Christie  
Whose Body?—Sayers  
The Nine Taylors—Sayers  
Documents in the Case—Sayers  
Out of the Silent Planet—Lewis  
Perelandra—Lewis\*  
That Hideous Strength—Lewis\*

The Great Divorce—Lewis  
Till We Have Faces—Lewis  
The Hobbit—Tolkien  
The Lord of the Rings (2 for the complete book)  
—Tolkien  
Animal Farm—Orwell  
Lost Horizon—Hilton  
All Creatures Great and Small—Herriot  
(or any other book in the series)  
The Wind in the Willows—Grahame  
Horatio Hornblower—Forester

**Shakespeare (UP: three; GE: two)**

Hamlet\*  
Macbeth  
Lear  
Othello  
Henry V\*  
Romeo and Juliet  
The Tempest\*  
Much Ado About Nothing\*  
A Midsummer Night's Dream\*  
Taming of the Shrew  
Merchant of Venice  
Twelfth Night

**American Literature (UP/GE: six)**

Of Plymouth Plantation—Bradford  
The Last of the Mohicans—Cooper  
(or any other Leatherstocking Tale)  
The Scarlet Letter—Hawthorne\*  
The House of Seven Gables—Hawthorne  
Walden—Thoreau  
Moby Dick—Melville  
Billy Budd—Melville  
Little Women—Alcott  
An Old Fashioned Girl—Alcott  
Tom Sawyer—Twain  
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—Twain\*  
The Prince and the Pauper—Twain  
A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court—  
Twain  
Ben-Hur—Wallace  
Red Badge of Courage—Crane  
The Good Earth—Buck  
The Call of the Wild—London  
White Fang—London  
Anne of Green Gables—Montgomery  
Pollyanna—Porter  
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm—Wiggin  
The Yearling—Rawlings  
Riders of the Purple Sage—Grey

The Old Man and the Sea—Hemingway\*  
Our Town—Wilder  
Skin of Our Teeth—Wilder  
The Secret Garden—Burnett  
A Little Princess—Burnett  
Tarzan of the Apes—Burroughs  
The Martian Chronicles—Bradbury  
Fahrenheit 451—Bradbury\*  
Foundation—Asimov  
To Kill a Mockingbird—Lee\*

**Biography (UP: four; GE: two)**

Athanasius—Coray  
Son of Tears—Coray  
The White Horse King, The Life of Alfred the  
Great—Merkle  
God's Man—Norton-Taylor  
Idelette—Gerstner\*  
Three Men Came to Heidelberg—Halsema  
Glorianna—Luke  
James I: The King as Fool—Scott  
Cromwell, The Lord Protector—Fraser  
The Making of George Washington—Wilbur  
Robespierre—Scott  
Wizard of the North—Oman  
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglas  
—Douglas  
Up from Slavery—Washington\*  
Steal Away Home—Carter & Ivey  
Agatha Christie, An Autobiography—Christie  
Come, Tell Me How You Live—Christie  
Tolkien—Carpenter  
Surprised by Joy—Lewis  
The Hiding Place—ten Boom  
Witness—Chambers  
Unbroken—Hillebrand  
Reminiscences—McArthur  
Through Gates of Splendor—Elliot  
Peace Child—Richardson  
84 Charing Cross Road—Hanff  
L'Abri—Schaeffer  
Son of Hamas—Yousef  
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus—Qureshi  
(may be used for Apologetics and Philosophy)

**History (UP/GE: eight)**

Bulfinch's Mythology  
Mythology—Hamilton\*  
Gods, Graves, and Scholars—Ceram\*  
America B.C.—Fell  
History of the Jewish Wars—Josephus  
The Histories—Herodotus\*

The Greeks—Kitto  
 The Greek Way—Hamilton  
 The Roman Way—Hamilton  
 The Romans—Barrows\*  
 The Blood of the Moon—Grant\*  
 The Church in History—Kuiper\*  
 Sketches from Church History—Houghton  
 How Should We Then Live?—Schaeffer  
 Defending Constantine—Leithart  
 Lost to the West—Brownsworth\*  
 The Daughter of Time—Tey\*  
 Foxe's Book of Martyrs\*  
 How the Irish Saved Civilization—Cahill  
 They All Discovered America—Boland  
 The Emergence of Liberty in the Modern World—  
     Kelly  
 Errand into the Wilderness—Miller  
 Worldly Saints—Ryken  
 The Puritan Dilemma—Morgan  
 This Independent Republic—Rushdoony  
 If the Foundations Be Destroyed  
     —Draper & Watson  
 Redeemer Nation—Tuveson  
 Manifest Destiny and Mission in American  
     History—Merk  
 The Light and the Glory—Marshall & Manuel  
 From Sea to Shining Sea—Marshall & Manuel  
 A Basic History of the United States  
     —Carson (all 5 for 3)\*  
 The Secret Six—Scott  
 The Myth of the Robber Barons—Folsom  
 What Jane Austen Ate and  
     Charles Dickens Knew—Pool  
 The Proud Tower—Tuchman  
 The Guns of August—Tuchman  
 The Creature from Jekyll Island  
     —Griffin  
     (may be used for Economics)  
 None Dare Call It Conspiracy—Allen  
     (or, Call It Conspiracy –Abraham)  
 None Dare Call It Treason—Stormer  
 The Best and Brightest—Halberstam  
 Rush to Judgment—Lane  
 The Case of the Murdered President—Aubrey  
 Modern Times—Johnson  
 The Gulag Archipelago—Solzhenitsyn  
 Ethnic America: A History—Sowell  
 Short History of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century—Blainey\*  
 One book on military history—  
     (needs advance approval)

**Theology (UP/GE: four)**  
 Foundations of Social Order—Rushdoony\*  
 Manual of Christian Doctrine—Berkhof  
 The Institutes of the Christian Religion  
     —Calvin  
 The Bondage of the Will—Luther  
 Knowing God—Packer  
 Knowing Christianity—Packer  
 Truths That Transform—Kennedy  
 The Gospel According to Jesus—MacArthur  
 Our Sufficiency in Christ—MacArthur  
 That You May Prosper—Sutton  
 The Enemy Within—Lungaard\*  
 Israel and the New Covenant—Campbell  
 The Christ of the Covenants—Robertson  
 The Institutes of Biblical Law—Rushdoony  
 Discovering the Fulness of Worship—Engle\*  
 Faith Alone—Sproul  
 Pleasing God—Sproul  
 Desiring God—John Piper  
 Paradise Restored—Chilton  
 The Genesis Record—Morris  
 How to Read the Bible as Literature—Ryken  
 Joshua—Schaeffer  
 The Battle for the Bible—Lindsell  
 Mere Christianity—C.S. Lewis  
 The Screwtape Letters—Lewis\*  
 The Lord Gave the Word—Watts\*  
 Respectable Sins—Bridges  
     (may be used for Psychology & Counseling)  
 The Whole Christ—Ferguson

**Apologetics and Philosophy (UP/GE: three)**  
 Orthodoxy—Chesterton  
 How Should We Then Live?—Schaeffer  
 Escape from Reason—Schaeffer\*  
 The God Who Is There—Schaeffer  
 He Is There and He Is Not Silent—Schaeffer  
 War of the World Views—DeMar  
 The Universe Next Door—Sire  
 Every Thought Captive—Pratt  
 Persuasions—Wilson\*  
 Always Ready—Bahnsen  
 The Defense of the Faith—Van Til  
 Christian Apologetics—Van Til  
 The One and the Many—Rushdoony  
 Scripture Twisting—Sire  
 Evidence That Demands a Verdict—McDowell  
 The Resurrection Factor—McDowell  
 A Theological Interpretation of American History—  
     Singer  
 Kingdom of the Cults—Martin

The New Cults—Martin  
The Godmakers—Decker & Hunt  
The Mormon Illusion—McElveen  
The Theology of the Major Sects—Gerstner  
The Four Major Cults—Hoekema  
Whatever Happened to the Human Race?  
—Schaeffer  
Total Truth—Pearcey\*  
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus—Qureshi  
(may be used for Biography)

**Psychology and Counseling (UP/GE: two)**

Competent to Counsel—Adams\*  
Revolt against Maturity—Rushdoony  
Psychological Seduction—Kilpatrick\*  
Missing From Action—Hardenbrook  
The Four Loves—Lewis  
Blame It on the Brain—Welch  
Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave—Welch  
Respectable Sins—Bridges  
(may be used for Theology)  
How People Change—Tripp & Lane  
How to Help People Change—Adams  
Tipping Point—Gladwell  
Idols of the Heart—Fitzpatrick

**Marriage and Family (UP: two; GE: one)**

Christian Courtship vs. the Dating Game—West  
The Art of Choosing Your Love—West  
Nurturing Children in the Lord—Fennema  
Hidden Art—Schaeffer, E.  
What Did You Expect?—Tripp  
Shepherding a Child's Heart—Tripp  
Don't Make Me Count to Three—Hubbard  
Age of Opportunity—Tripp  
Passion and Purity—Elliot  
For the Love of Discipline—Wallace

**The Natural Sciences (UP: five; GE: three)**

Scientific Creationism—Morris  
The Twilight of Evolution—Morris  
The Bones of Contention—Lubenow  
Manipulating Life—Gish & Wilson  
King Solomon's Ring—Lorenz  
Kon-Tiki—Heyerdahl  
(or, The Ra Expeditions)  
Aku-Aku—Heyerdahl  
The Ultimate Resource—Simon  
Trashing the Planet—Ray  
(or, Environmental Overkill)  
Apocalypse Not!—Bulch and Lyons  
Prospects for Growth—Beisner

The Myth of Overpopulation—Rushdoony  
The Health Hazards of Not Going Nuclear  
—Beckman  
Pollution and the Death of Man—Schaeffer  
The Soul of Science—Pearcey & Thaxton  
The Elegant Universe—Greene  
The Lie—Ham  
The Answers Book (any volume)—Ham, et al.  
One Race, One Blood: The Biblical Answer to  
Racism—Ham\*  
A Brief History of Time—Hawkins  
What's Darwin Got to Do with It—Newman,  
Wiester, & Moneymaker  
The Politically Incorrect Guide to Science—Bethell  
The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and  
Environmentalism—Horner  
Six Easy Pieces—Feynman\*  
Without Excuse—Gitt\*  
Creation: Facts of Life—Parker\*  
Made in His Image: Examining the Complexities of the  
Human Body—Guluzza\*

**Economic and Political Science (UP/GE: three)**

The Incredible Bread Machine—Brown et al.  
Economics in One Lesson—Hazlitt\*  
Free Market Economics—Greeves  
Economics on Trial—Skousen  
The Politically Incorrect Guide to Capitalism—Murphy  
Prosperity and Poverty—Beisner  
Productive Christians in an Age of Guilt  
Manipulators—Chilton  
The Law—Bastiatt  
Honest Money—North\*  
Conspiracy: A Biblical View—North  
God and Government (Vol. 1)—DeMar  
The Federalist Papers—Hamilton, Madison,  
& Jay\*  
Democracy in America—Tocqueville  
The Mainspring of Human Progress—Weaver  
The Road to Serfdom—Hayek  
Bringing in the Sheaves—Grant  
Why America Doesn't Work—Coleson &  
Eckerd  
When Helping Hurts—Corbett & Fikkert  
The Creature from Jekyll Island—Griffin  
(may be used for History)  
The History of the Idea of Progress—Nisbet  
Race and Culture: A World View—Sowell

**Literature and the Arts (UP/GE: four)**

A Gift of Music—Smith & Carlson  
Art and the Bible—Schaeffer

Sound and Sense—Perrine  
Reading Between the Lines—Veith\*  
Elements of Style—Strunk & White\*  
State of the Arts—Veith  
Lord of the Elves and Eldils—Purtill  
The Liberated Imagination—Ryken  
Realms of Gold—Ryken  
Postmodern Times—Veith  
All God’s Children and Blue Suede Shoes  
—Myers  
Ascent to Love—Leithart  
Highest Heaven of Invention—Leithart  
Heroes of the City of Man—Leithart  
Contested Will—Shapiro  
Modern Art and the Death of Culture  
—Rookmaker  
Amusing Ourselves to Death—Postman\*  
Lit!—Reinke\*

**Education and Thought (UP: two; GE: one)**

Nail in a Sure Place—Powell  
The Art of Thinking—Dimmett  
Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning  
—Wilson  
Don’t You Believe It!—Hoover  
The Fallacy Detective—Bluedorn  
Love God with All Your Mind—Moreland  
Reading Slowly—Sire  
The Children Trap—Thoburn  
Abolition of Man—Lewis  
The Weight of Glory—Lewis  
The Messianic Character of American Education—  
Rushdoony  
Blink—Gladwell  
David and Goliath—Gladwell  
Forever: Why You Can’t Live Without It—Tripp

**Business and Investment (UP: two; GE: one)**

How to Manage Your Money—Burkett  
The Millionaire Next Door—Stanley & Danko  
Rich Dad, Poor Dad—Kiyosaki  
The Only Investment Guide You’ll Ever Need  
—Tobias  
Understanding Wall Street—Little and Rhodes  
Beat the Street—Lynch  
One Up on Wall Street—Lynch  
The Motley Fool Investment Guide—Gardner  
& Gardner  
The Bogleheads’ Guide to Investing  
—Larimore, Lindauer, and LeBoeuf  
Against the Gods, The Remarkable Story of  
Risk—Bernstein

Complete Guide to Money or The Total Money  
Makeover—Ramsey  
The Legacy Journey—Ramsey

**Leadership (UP: three; GE: two)**

Movers of Mountains and Men—Latourneau  
What Color Is My Parachute—Bolles  
The Autobiography—Franklin  
Improving Your Serve—Swindoll\*  
Spiritual Leadership—Sanders\*  
Ordering Your Private World—McDonald  
Results-Based Leadership—Ulrich, Zenger,  
and Smallwood  
The Starbucks Experience—Michelli  
The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership—Maxwell  
Outliers—Gladwell\*  
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People—Covey  
Credibility—Kouzes & Posner  
How: Why How We Do Anything Means  
Everything—Seidman  
One Minute Manager—Blanchard, et al.  
12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You—Reinke\*  
What’s Best Next—Perman\*