

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

Cornerstone Christian High School

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

World Literature

Enuma Elish*
The Epic of Gilgamesh*
Theogony—Hesiod
The Iliad—Homer *
The Odyssey—Homer
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
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

Beowulf*
Faerie Queene (vol. 1)—Spenser
Canterbury Tales—Chaucer
Everyman*
The Holy War—Bunyan
The Pilgrim's Progress—Bunyan*
Paradise Lost—Milton
Gulliver's Travels—Swift
Robinson Crusoe—Defoe
Ivanhoe—Scott
Pride and Prejudice—Austen*
Sense and Sensibility—Austen

Persuasions—Austen
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)
Pirates of Penzance—Gilbert & Sullivan
The Man Who Was Thursday—Chesterton
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd—Christie
Murder at the Vicarage—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

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

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
Tom Sawyer—Twain
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
To Kill a Mockingbird—Lee*
The Martian Chronicles—Bradbury
Fahrenheit 451—Bradbury*
Foundation—Asimov

Biography

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
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*
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—Hildebrand
Reminiscences—McArthur
Through Gates of Splendor—Elliot
Peace Child—Richardson
L'Abri—Schaeffer
Son of Hamas—Yousef
Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus—Qureshi

History

Bulfinch's Mythology
Mythology—Hamilton*
Gods, Graves, and Scholars—Ceram*
America B.C.—Fell
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 books)*
 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
 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
 (or any competent book on JFK’s death)
 Modern Times—Johnson
 The Gulag Archipelago—Solzhenitsyn
 Ethnic America: A History—Sowell
 A Short History of the 20th Century—Blainey*
 One book on military history—(needs advance
 approval)

Theology

Foundations of Social Order—Rushdoony*
 Manual of Christian Doctrine—Berkhof
 The Bondage of the Will—Luther
 The Institutes of the Christian Religion—Calvin
 Knowing God—Packer
 Knowing Christianity—Packer
 Truths That Transform—Kennedy
 The Gospel According to Jesus—MacArthur
 Our Sufficiency in Christ—MacArthur
 The Enemy Within—Lungaard*
 The Christ of the Covenants—Robertson
 Discovering the Fulness of Worship—Engle*
 Faith Alone—Sproul
 Desiring God—John Piper
 Paradise Restored—Chilton
 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*
 The Whole Christ—Ferguson

Apologetics and Philosophy

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
 The Universe Next Door—Sire
 Every Thought Captive—Pratt
 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
 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*

Psychology and Counseling

Competent to Counsel—Adams*
 Revolt against Maturity—Rushdoony
 Psychological Seduction—Kilpatrick*
 Missing from Action—Hardenbrook
 Blame It on the Brain—Welch
 Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave—Welch
 Respectable Sins—Bridges
 How People Change—Tripp & Lane
 The Tipping Point—Gladwell
 Idols of the Heart—Fitzpatrick

Marriage and Family

The Art of Choosing Your Love—West
 Christian Living in the Home—Adams
 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

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
 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 or all volumes)—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, & Money-maker
 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—Guliuza*
 Dinosaurs by Design—Gish
 Evolution: The Fossils Say No—Gish
 Someone’s Making a Monkey out of You—Marks

Economic and Political Science

The Incredible Bread Machine—Brown et al.
 Economics in One Lesson—Hazlitt*
 Prosperity and Poverty—Beiser
 Foundations of Economics, A Christian View—
 Ritenour
 The Law—Bastiatt
 Honest Money—North*
 Conspiracy: A Biblical View—North
 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
 The History of the Idea of Progress—Nisbet
 Race and Culture: A World View—Sowell

Literature and the Arts

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
 Highest Heaven of Invention—Leithart
 Contested Will—Shapiro
 Modern Art and the Death of Culture—Rookmaker
 Amusing Ourselves to Death—Postman*
 Lit!—Reinke*

Education and Thought

The Art of Thinking—Dimnet
 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
 A Nail in a Sure Place—Powell*
 Blink—Gladwell
 David and Goliath—Gladwell
 Forever: Why You Can’t Live Without It—Tripp

Business and Investment

How to Manage Your Money—Burkett
 The Millionaire Next Door—Stanley & Danko
 Rich Dad, Poor Dad—Klyosaki
 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
 The Complete Guide to Money or The Total Money
 Makeover—Ramsey
 The Legacy Journey—Ramsey
 Know Yourself, Know Your Money—Cruze*

Leadership

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

12 Ways Your Phone Is Changing You—Reinke*

What's Best Next—Perman*