

Dear BACS Secondary Parents and Students:

The English Department and Administration of Bay Area Christian School have selected a summer reading book for students in grades 7-12. The chart after this letter shows a list of all the chosen books for each grade level.

Each student who is enrolling in 7th – 12th grades for the 2025-26 school year is assigned a book to read during the summer. These books have been chosen because of the positive impact we believe they will have on the lives of our students and their education. We encourage you to discuss the summer reading with your student and keep him or her motivated to complete the book before the school year begins.

This summer reading assignment will be the basis for the first unit covered in each English course, and each grade will have assessments on the content. Assessments will consist of three grades: one test grade (either an actual test, project, or essay) and two quiz grades. Please be aware that there is an expectation of an assessment the first or second day of school, and it is important to be ready. This is particularly significant for students who do not read often. Therefore, in order to participate in meaningful discussion and instruction, it is necessary for your student to have completed the summer reading assignment.

This assignment is part of Bay Area Christian's quality education - encouraging students to love reading and develop reading comprehension and fluency. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kindest Regards,

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BACS Secondary Summer Reading List 2024-2025

GRADE	THEME	SUMMER READING BOOK
7 th	The value of the freedom of choice	<i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry
8 th	Struggle between good and evil	<i>The Pearl</i> by John Steinbeck
9 th	Moral nature of human beings	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee
10 th	Danger of silence/importance of remembering	<i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel
11 th	Disintegration of the American dream	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald
12 th	Spiritual warfare and the dynamics of temptation	<i>The Screwtape Letters</i> by C.S. Lewis
12 th AP English	Battling life's struggles and overcoming adversity and societal norms	<i>Jane Eyre</i> by Charlotte Bronte

Please note that these books will be taught through the lens of a biblical worldview. It is important to realize that we live in a fallen world, but there is redemption through the sacrifice of Jesus. We do not suggest watching Hollywood versions of the books.