



Seacrest Upper School Summer Reading List

Required reading for all Upper School students:

We have selected these two pieces of literature for the Upper School Students and Staff at Seacrest because of great relevance to our Seacrest core values and the culture we want to create and maintain at our school. Additionally, we would like all of our parents to read these books. We truly believe the messages in these books will have life changing effects on how you view and interact with the world around you.

'The [Fred Factor by John Sanborn](#) and [The Energy Bus by Jon Gordon](#) are the two Seacrest Upper School general reading assignments for the summer.

In addition, please choose **two** books from the following texts:

Fiction

A Clockwork Orange by Anthony Burgess
A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
The Alchemist by Paul Coelho
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime by Mark Haddon
Dracula by Bram Stoker
East of Eden by John Steinbeck
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Johnathan Safran Foer
Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimension by Edwin Abbott
Franny and Zooey by J.D. Salinger
Girl with the Pearl Earring by Tracey Chevalier
Heroes, Gods, and Monsters of Greek Myths by Bernard Evslin
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
The Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini
Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
The left hand of Darkness by Ursula Le Guin
Native Son by Richard Wright
Nectar in a Sieve by Kamala Markandaya
Old School by Tobias Wolff
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell



The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
Persepolis (graphic novel) by Marjane Satrapi

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The Princess Bride by William Goldman
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
True Grit by Charles Portis
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Any novel written by:

Mark Twain
Jane Austen
Charles Dickens
Leo Tolstoy
Fyodor Dostoevsky
J.R.R. Tolkien

Collected Short Stories by:

Anton Chekov
Flannery O'Connor
Fyodor Dostoevsky
Leo Tolstoy
****Gabriel Garcia Marquez-***

*(with parental approval —some mature themes)

Non-Fiction:

The Hot Zone by Richard Preston
The Art of Raising a Puppy by The Monks of New Skete
The Universe and the Teacup: The Mathematics of Truth and Beauty by Michael Pollan
The Omnivore's Dilemma by Richie Chavat
Andy Warhol Diaries
Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies by Jared M. Diamond
Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard
All Creatures Great and Small (and others from the Herriot series) by James Herriot
Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbra Kingsolver
The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother by James McBride
Endurance by Alfred Lansing
Flight of the Passage by Rinker Buck
Rocket Boys (October Skies) by Homer Hickham
Genghis Khan by Jack Weatherford
Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis
Founding Mothers by Cokie Roberts
Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin
A User's Guide to the Brain by John Ratey
The Spirit Catches you and you Fall Down by Anne Faidiman
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Night by Elie Wiesel



The Freedom Writers Diary: How a Teacher and 150 Teens Used Writing to Change Themselves and the World Around Them by Erin Gruwell and Freedom Writers