

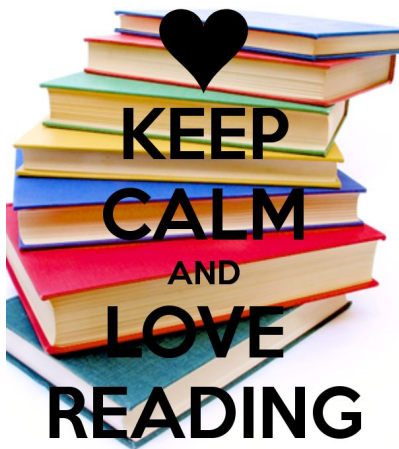
Central Catholic Department of English 2016 Summer Reading List

Students are encouraged to read print or digital versions of these selections. If students opt for a digital version of the text, it must be available to them through their school-issued laptop or a digital reading device, but **NOT** through their phones. There is an app for Kindle in the App Store.

All books have been selected based on its literary merit, reader interest, and variety of storytelling styles. Please review the book selections and encourage your child to select the most appropriate for him or her.

Students are to have their books read before school begins. When students return to school, each teacher will have an assignment associated with the summer reading selections. **Students should have access to the text in school for use in completing assignments.**

This assignment will be a part of the students' 1st quarter grades.



7th Grade

East by Edith Pattou

8th Grade

Things Not Seen by Andrew Clements

Freshman

Diamond Boy by Michael Williams

Freshman Honors

Diamond Boy by Michael Williams

AND

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

(see Mrs. Clark for a copy)

Sophomore **Select One of the Following**

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith
A Wizard of Earthsea by Ursula K. LeGuin
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson**
Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card**
Paper Towns by John Green**
Persepolis by Marjane Satrapi

**Parents should be aware that these books deal with mature subjects, though in a way that is rated appropriate for students entering their sophomore year. For more information about the nature of these books, please visit the reviews provided at [Common Sense Media](#).

Sophomore Honors **Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court** by Mark Twain
(see Mrs. Clark for a copy) AND one of the following

Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick
Ready Player One by Ernest Cline
Partials (Book 1) by Dan Wells
Starship Troopers by Robert A. Heinlein

Junior **Select One of the Following**

O Pioneers! By Willa Cather
Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children
by Ransom Riggs
Shoeless Joe by W.P Kinsella
Flygirl by Sherri L. Smith
Our Town by Thornton Wilder
American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote



Junior Honors **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury **AND a Junior Selection**

Senior **Select One of the Following**

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy by Douglas Adams
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
The Eyre Affair by Jasper Fforde
Rebecca by Daphne Du Maurier
Atonement by Ian McEwan
The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

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The Road by Cormac McCarthy or *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman

(to be used second semester)

Chapters 1, 2, 4, and 5 of *Writing Analytically* 7th ed.

(Will be quizzed and used frequently first semester)

All Seniors Optional Reading *Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps*

by Alan Gelb

*All seniors will write a college admissions essay during the first few weeks of the school year. Regardless of whether or not you purchase the text, there will be a writing prompt assignment that you will be expected to complete over the summer.

