



Garces Memorial High School

Excellence in Catholic Education



Senior Summer Reading List AY 2023-24

All students enrolled in English 12 (AP) **MUST** read Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
PLUS two books of their choosing from the selection below.

Choose **TWO** of the following books to read over summer. Come prepared to take the reading tests on the first day back to school.

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon †

Christopher Boone is autistic. He knows the capitals of all the countries of the world, he loves math, but hates the color yellow. So when Christopher finds his neighbor's dog murdered, he takes it upon himself to put his keen logic (but poor social skills) to the test. What he solves is more than just a crime.

Neverwhere by Neil Gaiman †

A small act of kindness will introduce Richard Mayhew to a fantastical London underground world he never knew. He must learn to survive in this city of shadows and darkness, of murderers and angels, if he is ever to return to his familiar London again. But the problem with return is – it always has a price.

The Hound of the Baskervilles by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

The infamous Sherlock Holmes and his sidekick Dr. Watson are once again faced with a baffling case that only Sherlock's legendary skills of deduction can solve. This time, however, what Sherlock faces isn't human; in fact, it might not even be real.

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

In telling Pip's story, Dickens traces a boy's path from a hardscrabble rural life to the teeming streets of 19th century London, unfolding a gripping tale of crime and guilt, revenge and reward, and love and loss. But having expectations is a two-edged sword, and nothing is as Pip thought it would be.

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Set against the dark and stormy Yorkshire moors comes this tale of violent and passionate love between the headstrong Catherine and the mysterious Heathcliff. It is a love stronger than death, stronger than the confines of heaven and hell – but is their love strong enough to withstand the forces of revenge?

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson

When the good natured Dr. Jekyll becomes associated with the evil Mr. Hyde, friends begin to fear for the doctor's safety. As murderous crimes are linked to Mr. Hyde, Dr. Jekyll tries to dissolve his relationship with his sinister friend – but dissolving this relationship will be more difficult than the good doctor imagines.

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

In an attempt to bridge the divide between life and death, Victor Frankenstein creates a grotesque monster that terrorizes a village. This is a classic horror story, filled with eerie castles and supernatural events – but it is equally a warning against the dehumanization of art and the corrupting influence of science.

Murder on the Orient Express by Agatha Christie

Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, the millionaire Samuel Ratchett lies dead in his compartment, stabbed a dozen times, his door locked from the inside. One of his fellow passengers must be the murderer. See how Hercule Poirot solves the case.

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

This is a fable of the near future. Here women are strictly controlled, unable to have jobs or money and assigned to various classes: the chaste, childless Wives; the housekeeping Marthas; and the reproductive Handmaids, who turn their offspring over to the "morally fit" Wives. One Handmaid will resist, but will she survive?

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde

When Algernon's best friend, John Worthing (known as Earnest), comes to propose to Algernon's cousin, a farcical plot of mistaken identities unfolds. This play is a "trivial comedy for serious people" – replete with witty dialogue and the enduring struggle to remain true to one's self – to remain, indeed, "earnest."