



UPPER SCHOOL SUMMER READING LIST 2026-2027

Our English, History, and Science teachers chose the books for quality of expression, variety, and interest. We hope you enjoy them. Barnes & Noble in Holmdel will have a supply of the reading list books.

***** EACH READING BOOK REQUIRES A STORY MAP TO BE FILLED OUT *****
REFER TO: <https://oakhillacademy.com/parents/important-links/summer-reading/>

Required Reading for Students Entering Fifth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis

REQUIRED A Boy Called Bat by Elana K. Arnold

REQUIRED Nowhere Boy by Katherine Marsh

Required Reading For Students Entering Sixth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls

REQUIRED A Year Down Yonder by Richard Peck

REQUIRED A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Required Reading For Students Entering Seventh Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus

REQUIRED Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar

REQUIRED Mansa Musa by P. James Oliver

Required Reading For Students Entering Eighth Grade (must read all three)

REQUIRED The Giver by Lois Lowry (read 1st)

REQUIRED Messenger by Lois Lowry (read 2nd)

REQUIRED Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two by Joseph Bruchac

8th grade, please note:

The Giver and Messenger are companion novels. Students should read The Giver before reading Messenger.