



2017 SECONDARY OUTSIDE READING LIST - Grades 9-12

The Limestone County School System created grade-specific reading lists for all students entering Grades 7-12 to supplement and enhance the language arts curriculum. English teachers chose the novels based on literary merit, interest level, and readability. The variety in selections is intended to prepare students for college and careers and to encourage students to read more. Students enrolled in advanced English courses during the 2017-2018 school year must choose one novel from the list of choices for the grade level they will be entering in August. The novel should be read by the first day of school with the student prepared to take an exam on the selection. The exam format will include both multiple choice questions (70 points) and extended response questions (30 points). The total points earned, a possible 100 points, will count as one test score to be averaged as any other test score during the first nine weeks grading period. While students are required to read only one novel, they are encouraged to read additional selections based on their interests.

9th Grade

- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Uglies* by Scott Westerfeld
- *Pretties* by Scott Westerfeld
- *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros
- *The Red Pyramid* by Rick Riordan
- *The Throne of Fire* by Rick Riordan
- *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson
- *Courage Has No Color: The True Story of the Triple Nickles* by Tanya Lee Stone

10th Grade

- *Eragon* by Christopher Paolini
- *Eldest* by Christopher Paolini
- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain
- *Tom Sawyer Abroad* by Mark Twain
- *Pastwatch: The Redemption of Christopher Columbus* by Orson Scott Card
- *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, A Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson* by Mitch Albom

11th Grade

- *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok
- *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie
- *The Alchemyst: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* by Michael Scott
- *The Magician: The Secrets of the Immortal Nicholas Flamel* by Michael Scott
- *All Over but the Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg
- *Cyrano de Bergerac* by Edmond Rostand
- *Hiroshima* by John Hersey
- *The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference* by Malcolm Gladwell

12th Grade

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
 - *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
 - *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey*
 - *The Host* by Stephenie Meyer
 - *The King's Shadow* by Elizabeth Alder
 - *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingslover
 - *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
 - *How to Read Literature Like a Professor* by Thomas C. Foster
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