

**St. John the Evangelist  
Honors Literature  
Summer Reading List**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Hatchet

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

The Pearl

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

To Kill a Mockingbird

1. Students will have a quiz over the novels (20-25 multiple choice questions) when they return to school.
  2. Students should write a half-page (typed) analysis of a quote, scene, character, symbol, or event that contributed to the larger themes and purpose of the book as a whole. Students will read their half-page analyses orally to the class.
  3. We will go in-depth on analyzing the novel – author, narrative technique, setting, major characters, symbols, irony, themes, and author’s purpose. Students will write a longer, more formal analysis of the novel (2 pages) in class, not over the summer.
  4. Students must score at least a 70 on the 25 question quiz or they will not be allowed to do 2 or 3 above. The result will hurt their first quarter grades in Reading.
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- Most of these novels can be found on line for free. Type in the novel title then “text” and “PDF”. They are often available for a dollar or two at a used book store or on Amazon. Students should take notes or annotate each book so as not to forget major characters and details I may ask on the quiz to check that he or she read the book.