

## 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading List for Rapid City Christian

### Literature\*

Two books per quarter must be read (8 per school year). The student may read all 8 during the summer if they choose. Abridged editions (shortened by condensing or omitting material) are not accepted. Watching the movie or listening to an audio tape of the book does not count. Each student will be given a form for the parent to sign which is verification of the books read.

### Literature Selections

#### Authors Unknown

The Song of Roland

The Nibelungenlied

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight

#### Aesop

Aesop's Fables

#### Aeschylus

Agamemnon

Prometheus Bound

#### Alcott, Louisa May

Little Women

#### Armstrong, William Howard

Souder

#### Asimov, Isaac

Foundation

#### Augustine

Confessions

#### Austen, Jane

Emma

Mansfield Park

Pride and Prejudice

Sense and Sensibility

#### Bagnold, Enid

National Velvet

#### Blackmore, Richard

Lorna Doone

#### Bolt, Robert

A Man for All Seasons

#### Bradbury, Ray

Dandelion Wine

The Martian Chronicles

Fahrenheit 451

#### Brontë, Charlotte

Jane Eyre

#### Brontë, Emily

Wuthering Heights

#### Buck, Pearl

The Good Earth

#### Bunyan, John

Pilgrim's Progress

#### Burnett, Frances Hodgson

The Secret Garden

#### Carroll, Lewis

Alice in Wonderland

#### Cervantes, Miguel de

Don Quixote de la Mancha

#### Chaucer, Geoffrey

The Canterbury Tales

#### Chesterton, G.K.

The Man Who Was Thursday

#### Clark, Arthur C.

2001: A Space Odyssey

#### Conrad, Joseph

Heart of Darkness

Lord Jim

**Cooper, James Fenimore**  
The Deerslayer  
The Last of the Mohicans

**Crane, Stephen**  
The Red Badge of Courage

**Dante**  
The Inferno

**Defoe, Daniel**  
Robinson Crusoe

**Dickens, Charles**  
Great Expectations  
Hard Times  
Oliver Twist  
Our Mutual Friend

**Dostoyevsky, Fyodor**  
Crime and Punishment  
The Brothers Karamazov

**Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan**  
The Hound of the Baskervilles

**Dumas, Alexandre**  
The Count of Monte Cristo  
The Three Musketeers

**Erasmus, Desiderius**  
The Praise of Folly

**Farley, Walter**  
The Black Stallion

**Fitzgerald, F. Scott**  
The Great Gatsby

**Forbes, Esther**  
Johnny Tremain

**Forester, C.S.**  
Beat to Quarters

**Frank, Anne**  
The Diary of a Young Girl

**Gilbreath, Frank B. and Ernestine**  
Cheaper by the Dozen

**Gipson, Fred**  
Old Yeller

**Golding, William**  
Lord of the Flies

**Grahame, Kenneth**  
The Wind in the Willows

**Hamilton, Alexander and James Madison**  
The Federalist Papers

**Hardy, Thomas**  
The Return of the Native  
Tess of the d'Urbervilles

**Hawthorne, Nathaniel**  
The House of the Seven Gables

**Heaney, Seamus (translator)**  
Beowulf

**Hemingway, Ernest**  
The Old Man and the Sea  
A Farewell to Arms  
For Whom the Bell Tolls

**Herbert, Frank**  
Dune

**Homer**  
The Iliad  
The Odyssey

**Hugo, Victor**  
The Hunchback of Notre Dame  
Les Miserables

**Huxley, Aldous**  
Brave New World

**James, Henry**  
The Portrait of a Lady  
The Turn of the Screw

**Kafka, Franz**  
The Trial  
The Castle

**Kipling, Rudyard**  
Captains Courageous  
The Jungle Book

**Knowles, John**  
A Separate Peace

**Langland, William**  
Piers Plowman

**L'Engle, Madeleine**  
A Wrinkle in Time

**Lewis, C. S.**  
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe  
Out of the Silent Planet  
Perelandra  
That Hideous Strength  
The Screwtape Letters  
Till We Have Faces

**London, Jack**  
The Call of the Wild  
White Fang

**Marlowe, Christopher**  
The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus

**Melville, Herman**  
Moby Dick

**Milton, John**  
Paradise Lost

**Mitchell, Margaret**  
Gone with the Wind

**Montgomery, L. M.**  
Anne of Green Gables

**Nesbit, Edith**  
The Railway Children

**Nordoff, Charles and James Norman Hall**  
Mutiny on the Bounty

**O'Brian, Patrick**  
Master and Commander

**O'Hara, Mary**  
My Friend Flicka

**Orczy, Baroness Emmuska**  
The Scarlet Pimpernell

**Orwell, George**  
1984  
Animal Farm

**Pasternak, Boris**  
Doctor Zhivago

**Percy, Walker**  
The Moviegoer

**Plutarch**  
Lives of the Roman Emperors

**Potok, Chaim**  
The Chosen

**Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan**  
The Yearling

**Remarque, Erich Maria**  
All Quiet on the Western Front

**Rostand, Edmund**  
Cyrano de Bergerac

**Scott, Sir Walter**  
Ivanhoe

**Sewell, Anna**  
Black Beauty

**Shakespeare, William**  
Hamlet  
Henry V  
King Lear  
As You Like It  
Romeo and Juliet

**Shelley, Mary**  
Frankenstein

**Solzhenitsyn, Alexander**  
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

**Sophocles**  
Oedipus Rex

**Speare, Elizabeth George**  
Heidi

**Spenser, Edmund**  
The Faerie Queene

**Steinbeck, John**  
The Grapes of Wrath  
Of Mice and Men  
The Pearl

**Stendhal**

The Red and the Black

**Stevenson, Robert Louis**

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde  
Treasure Island

**Stoker, Bram**

Dracula

**Stowe, Harriet Beecher**

Uncle Tom's Cabin

**Swift, Jonathon**

Gulliver's Travels

**Thackery, William M.**

Vanity Fair

**Tolkien, J. R. R.**

The Hobbit  
The Fellowship of the Ring  
The Two Towers  
The Return of the King  
The Silmarillion  
The Children of Hurin

**Tolstoy, Leo**

Anna Karenina  
War and Peace

**Twain, Mark**

The Prince and the Pauper  
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Huckleberry Finn

**Verne, Jules**

Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea  
Journey to the Center of the Earth

**Virgil**

The Aeneid

**Waugh, Evelyn**

Brideshead Revisited

**Wells, H. G.**

The Invisible Man  
The Time Machine  
The War of the Worlds

**White, E. B.**

Charlotte's Web

**White, T. H.**

The Once and Future King

**Wilder, Laura Ingalls**

Little House on the Prairie

**Wilder, Thornton**

Our Town

**Wyss, Johann David**

The Swiss Family Robinson

## Worldview Selections

### **Behe, Michael**

Darwin's Black Box: The Biochemical Challenge to Evolution

### **Best, Harold**

Music Through the Eyes of Faith

### **Blamires, Harry**

The Christian Mind: How Should a Christian Think

### **Denton, Michael**

Evolution: A Theory in Crisis

Nature's Destiny: How the Laws of Biology Reveal Purpose in the Universe

### **Guinness, Os**

Fit Bodies, Fat Minds: Why Evangelicals Don't Think and What to Do About It

### **Henderson, David**

Culture Shift: Communicating God's Truth to Our Changing World

### **Johnson, Phillip E.**

Darwin on Trial

### **Lewis, C. S.**

The Abolition of Man

Mere Christianity

Miracles

The Problem of Pain

### **Moreland, J. P.**

Love Your God with All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul

Scaling the Secular City: A Defense of Christianity

### **Myers, Kenneth**

All God's Children and Blue Suede Shoes: Christians and Popular Culture

### **Noll, Mark**

The Scandal of the Evangelical Mind

### **Pearcey, Nancy & Charles Thaxton**

The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy

### **Postman, Neil**

Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business

Technopoly: The Surrender of Culture to Technology

### **Romanowski, William**

With Eyes Wide Open: Looking for God in Popular Culture

### **Ryken, Leland**

The Christian Imagination

**Schaeffer, Francis**

He Is There and He Is Not Silent  
How Shall We Then Live?

**Seerveld, Calvin**

Rainbows for a Fallen World

**Sire, James W.**

Discipleship of the Mind : Learning to Love God in the Ways We Think  
Habits of the Mind: Intellectual Life as a Christian Calling

**Veith, Gene Edward**

Postmodern Times: A Christian Guide to Contemporary Thought and Culture  
Reading Between the Lines: A Christian Guide to Literature  
The State of the Arts: From Bezalel to Mapplethorpe

**Wells, Ronald**

History Through the Eyes of Faith

**Zacharias, Ravi**

Jesus Among Other Gods: The Absolute Claims of the Christian Message

\*The books on this list were selected for their importance in the “great conversation” of our civilization. Since these are works that have deeply affected our world, familiarity with at least a good portion of them is essential to a solid, general education. Be aware, however, that some were written from a non-Christian perspective and contain assumptions, philosophies, themes, or language that conflict with biblical Christianity.