

Freshman Classical Academy Summer Reading

Listed below are the Classical Academy required and optional reading selections for students entering Grade 9 at Haverhill High School. An in-class essay will be administered during the first two weeks of school in English class and the score will be averaged with your first quarter grade. Books can be found at the Haverhill Public Library or at local bookstores.

All students **must** read:

- *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother* by James McBride
- *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

Students must choose at least **one** additional title from the following list:

- *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie* by Muriel Spark
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *The Extraordinary Voyage of Pytheas the Greek* by Barry Cunliffe
- *Slave Day* by Rob Thomas
- *Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery
- *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace
- *The Old Man and the Sea* by Ernest Hemingway
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Men and Gods: Myths and Legends of the Ancient Greeks* by Rex Warner
- *The First Book of Swords* by Fred Saberhagen
- *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien
- *Big Mouth and Ugly Girl* by Joyce Carol Oates
- *The Martian Chronicles* by Ray Bradbury
- *Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trumbo
- *The Renaissance: A Short History* by Paul Johnson
- *Mozart* by Peter Gay
- *Leonardo Da Vinci* by Sherwin Nuland
- Any biography about one of the following people: Alexander the Great, King Henry VIII, or Julius Caesar

NOTE: If you're not sure which of these books appeals to you the most, Amazon.com has short summaries of these selections that may help you determine whether you're making the right choice based on your interests. And please, feel free to read as many additional books as you'd like; there are some great reads here 😊